You in general terms represent the remissness of the Polligar but give no particular instance of it oblige him to do his duty, and if he has any Accounts with others in your district he must settle them justly, but be carefull no partiality be shewn.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. JULY 1754.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 130.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The President & Council having laden & Consigned to you a Lack of Rupees with sundry stores, on the Ketch St. John Baptist Capt. John Murphy who sailed from hence this morning, I am ordered to transmit you the Invoice & Bills of Lading for the same which I accordingly enclose and am

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
JOSS. DU PRÉ
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 20TH. JULY 1754.

No. 131.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatched the St. George Capt. Robinson to you the 30th. Ultimo with Sundry Consignments for which We refer to the Duplicate Papers in this Packet and Shortly after arrived our Honble Masters Ships Denham & York, the latter being now in readiness to proceed We dispatch her to you with a good supply of Treasure.

We acquainted your Honour &ca. in a former Letter that the Gentlemen at Bombay had consigned Us for your Acct. two hundred & fifty thousand Bombay Rupees which coin we are informed passes with you only for two ℔ Cent more than Arcot Rupees tho' in reality the intrinsick value is something more which induced one of our Shroffs to make us an offer of purchasing them at two ℔ Cent advance and to recoin them here at his own expence into Arcot Rupees in the Companys Mint on which a Duty of half ℔ Cent being received is so much clear gain to our Hon'ble Masters, this induced us to accept the proposal and accordingly in lieu of 250000 Bombay you will receive 25500 Arcot Rupees being the full sum they would have produced with you, these are contained in 31 Chests

and are distinguished in the Invoice from Twenty others of Arcot Rupees, which are also consign'd to you on this ship with Ten Chests of Bullion & ten of Madras Rupees on account of the Treasure we have received from Europe.

Your Honour &c^{a}. are very sensible that the distract'd state of this Province and the Ambitious schemes of the French render it absolutely necessary for the protection and defence of the Companys Rights & possessions that our Military force should be sufficient to resist the attempts of the Enemy this for several years past has obliged Us to detain here the recruits intended for your Presidency which doubtless must have weakened your Garrison too much, that we might not be drove to the same necessity this year. We wrote to the Gentlemen of Bombay for a reinforcement & they have done their utmost to support Us, with which assistance, had we received the Recruits from England that were reasonably expected we might have faced the Enemy, but by some disappointment; as our Hon'ble Masters inform Us, they have sent Us by the China Ships & S^{t}. George but two hundred and twenty Men or therabouts, which in all probability is so disproportionable to the force the Enemy will receive that it has determined Us to land the recruits consigned to you they are incorporated in your detachment, and a List of those taken out of the York and Denham is in the packet, our demand for Arms of all Sorts has also obliged to land from each of those ships three Chests of Swords which are endorsed of the Bills of Lading.

We acquainted your Honour &c^{a}. in our Letter of the 16 April of our Intentions to dispatch the Colchester to England in Sep^{r}. and to detain one of the Coast & Bay Ships here till her arrival from Batavia that We might not be disappointed in case of any accident happening to her in which we have our Honble Masters Sanction as you will observe by the enclosed Extract from their Commands, we shall therefore detain the Denham till the Norfolk arrives & then immediately dis [*sic*] the former to you and keep the latter till the Colchester comes in, the Anson being a small ship which may be proper for your early dispatch we shall send her away to you directly after her arrival here of which we are in hourly expectation.

In our said Letter of the 16 April We acquainted your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. with our reasons for leaving to you to relieve the Egmont at the Negrais; the protection of a Europe ship will We conceive be absolutely necessary there till our Honble Masters Affairs are settled on much firmer footing than they are at present, whatever ship your Honour &c^{a}. may order on this service We request you will send a good supply of provision and refreshments which will be very acceptable.

We imagine you will receive the same Commands as are given Us in regard to the Salt Petre to be laden home, however as it can be of no diservice we send you an Extract of two paragraphs of the Companys General Letter received this Season relating thereto.

The Companys Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra having fallen into great disorder We were ordered last year to send Supra Vizors to regulate them, we accordingly did so and have lately rec'd from them a very Satisfactory Account of their proceedings amongst other things they very justly observe that our Honble Masters by their Letter of the 31 Dec^{r}. 1723 (an Extract of which is enclosed for your perusal) thought proper to forbid the importation of Callicoes or piece Goods at that place, but by a particular Indulgence to the Servants there in consideration of their limitted Trade that prohibition was by orders from this Presedency (as you will observe by the Extract of a Letter dated 4 October 1724) alleviated with respect to them, notwithstanding these orders have never been revoked but have always been understood to continue in force, many private Vessells trading from different parts of India have thro' an extream remissness in Government and inattention to Orders been suffered to import & vend their Merchandize of all Sorts at the West Coast without limitation. The Supra Vizors by virtue of the powers we vested them with have

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already enforced those Orders and published the prohibition thereby made under penalty of confiscation which we approve and shall confirm, we think it proper to communicate these regulations to your Honour &c^{a}. that private Traders from your Port may not ignorantly break thro it.

The Company having been put to a considerable Expence in making a Settlement at Natal on the West Coast of Sumatra with an intention & expectation as it was represented of promoting an Investment of Pepper which now appears to have been ill grounded tho' considerable Advantages have probably arisen from a Trade in Ophium. We think it but just that the Company who have supported the Charge should reap the benefits and have therefore resolved to confine that branch of Trade entirely to them, and shall by our next Advices to the West Coast acquaint the Gentlemen there to publish an absolute prohibition of the importation of Ophium there except on the Companys Account under penalty of Confiscation. The Supra Vizors write us that Fifty Chests of Patna Ophium may be disposed of to advantage which we therefore request your Honour &c^{a}. will provide & Consign to Us on the Honble Companys Account. We are in hopes there will be a considerable quantity of Surplus Pepper at Fort Marlbro' this season but of this we are as yet uncertain and expect further Advices which when we receive shall be communicated to you.

Captain Ward has represented to Us that he has considerably more than his Tonnage on board on the Companys Account with which his Ship is so deep that he does not judge it consistent with her safety and that of the Cargo to take in any thing more considering the danger of going over the Flatts into Bengal River for which reason we have not insisted on his taking in any Redwood. we shall consign you by the Denham and other Ships as much as they can carry.

We have permitted John Harley belonging to your detachm^{t}. to return to Bengal on the York & We also send you by the same Ship one John Baptist Mioch a French Deserter.

A Packet rec'd from England and a Letter from Bombay are in the Packet with the several Papers rec'd ℔ York to be forwarded and some others as ℔ List.

Captain Wards Sailing Orders are to touch at Vizagapatam to land a Consignment of Treasure and then proceed directly to you.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

THE 27TH. JULY 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ YORK.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 27th. July 1754.
2 Duplicate Genl. Letter dated 30 June 1754.
3 Invoice of Treasure laden on the York for Bengal.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5 Abstract of the St. George's Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Ditto.
7 Extract of the Comp. Genl. Letter dated 23 Janry. 1754.
8 Extract of a Genl. Letter from England & one from Fort St. George to Fort Marlbro'.
9 A Roll of Military landed at Fort St. George from the York & Denham wch. were intended for Bengal.
10 List of two Military sent to Bengal ℔ York.
11 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the York.
12 Duplicate Indent for Packing Stuff, Salt Petre &ca. wanted at Fort St. George 1754.

Rec'd from England to be forwarded.

13 Europe Invoice of the York for Bengal.
14 Do. Bill of Loading for Ditto.
15 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be Shipped in England on board the York for Coast & Bay.
16 Copy of the York's Victualling Bill.
17 A Packet for the Presidt. & Council of Ft. Wm. ℔ York.
18 A Letter for Do. from Bombay.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1754.

JOSS. DU PRÉ
Secry.

N°. 132.

To GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since we wrote you the 30th. Ulto. & 13th. Instant we have reced. your two Letters of the 12 June and 3d. of this month, in one from Mr. Westcott of the 6th. June we are informed that the Morattas had entirely evacuated that Country, We wish it may prove true, and doubt not but in that case the manufacturers will gladly return to their Habitations and labour & enable you & the Gentlemen at the other two Settlements to supply Us with a good quantity of Cloth for our September dispatch.

Captain Gardner Sailed from hence the 19th. Ulto. in the Charles Snow Capt. Mitchell bound for Bengal & to touch at your Port which he has most probably missed and proceeded to the Bay if this should be the case he will certainly return by the first conveyance in the mean time we recommend it to you to see that your Military be constantly and regularly disciplined.

As Colonel Scott when at your Settlement particularly recommended the building of the Wall from Martins Point to Tonery's Battery, we would have it set about and compleated as soon as possible under the Inspection of

Mr. Heath who is to be paid fifteen Pags. ℔ Month in lieu of Salary & Diet money from the time of his Arrival with you, he received no allowances when here you will therefore discharge what is due to him on that Account according to his standing on the Civil List from the time he last rec'd them at Bandarmalanka and also fifteen Pagodas for his Expences in coming up hither and fifteen for those in returning to you.

You will receive this by the York Captain Ward on which Ship we have consigned to you half a Lack of A Rupees & forty five thousand Mads. Pagodas, of which Twenty thousand Mad. Pags. are for Ingeram & twenty thousand for Madapollam the remains. 5000 Mad. Pagodas with the Ballance you have remaining & what sent you ℔ St. George will we imagine be a sufficient supply of Gold for your Investment.

Enclosed are the Account Sortments of your Cloth, Account Current with your Settlement & Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Treasure now consigned you. Let your Books be compleated & sent us as soon as possible that ours may be Ballanced.

Captain Wards Sailing Orders are to follow your directions for landing the Treasure consigned to you & then make the best of his way to Bengal.

We are

Fort St. George
the 27th. July 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 133.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We wrote to you the 30th. Ulto. & then consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for your use by the St. George 5000 Mad. Pagodas, & the 13th. Instant we gave you some further directions in relation to your Investment, this went by Pattamar and a Duplicate is enclosed your Letter of the 6th. June is received and gives Us great pleasure in the News of the Morattas having entirely evacuated that Country We hope the Weavers will now return to their Employment & that we may yet have a considerable quantity of Cloth from the three' Northern Factorys for our September dispatch without which we shall be greatly distress'd that you may not want any assistance which we can give, we have made a further consignment of twenty thousand Mad. Pags. to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for your use which you will draw from thence as your Occasions may require.

We enclose you an Account Sortment of your Cloth, the Account Current of your Factory and desire that your Books may be compleated and sent Us up as soon as possible.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 27th. July 1754.

No. 134.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

We have the pleasure to learn by a Letter from Mr. Westcott of the 6th. Ulto. that the Morattoes had entirely left the Country which gives us hopes of better Success in your Investment than we expected sometime ago, nothing shall be wanting from Us to encourage it, we sent to Vizagapatam by the St. George 5000 Mad. Pags. for your use and then wrote you under date the 30 Ulto. in regard to your Investment and sent you some further directions thereon by Pattamar the 13 Instt. a Duplicate whereof is enclosed. This goes by the York on which Ship we have consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for the further supply of your Factory 20,000 Mad. Pags. which you will draw from thence as your occasions may require, advise us from time to time what progress you make in your Investment and when we may expect to receive your Bales.

Enclosed is an Account Sortment of your Cloth and the Account Current with your Factory, let your Books be compleated & sent Us up as soon as possible.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 27th. July 1754.

No. 135.

To Captain Edward Ward
of Ship York.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet for the Chief & Council there as directed and follow their Orders for landing the Treasure consigned to them which being done you are to proceed directly to River of Bengal and deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 27th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 136.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President & Council I forward to you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chitty in your favour upon Paupa Rauze his Gomastah for fifteen thousand Pagodas payable at fifteen days sight, for which when rec'd, please to credit this Presedency.

I am

Fort St. George.
the 29th. July 1754.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Joss. Du Pré
Secry.

No. 137.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By a Letter just reced. from Capts. Forbes and Campbell we are informed of their being at Trivady with Mahauphooz Cawn who insisted on going to St. David to receive the half Lack he was promised should be paid him on his Arrival at Devecotah: the Junction of this party with the Army at Tanjore is of such consequence that we would use all means to hasten it, therefore to prevent further delays pay the half Lack of Rupees directly in case Mahauzphooz Cawn will promise to proceed & press him strongly not to protract the time any longer but use the greatest diligence to join his Brother.

Your several Letters are received and shall be fully answered in a day or two.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. JULY 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 138.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you a short Letter the 29th. to direct the payment of half a Lack of Rupees to Mahauphooz Cawn & our Secry. by our direction has sent you a remittance of 15000 Pagodas we shall now answer your several Letters of the 9th. 10th. 17th. & 26th. Instant.

That we may not seem to bear hard on the Trevendeporum Renters tho' in reality what we insisted on is most reasonable and favourable, we consent to their taking the Oath we prescribed to their Losses for 1753 & 1754 at the same time, provided it be done forthwith, for we observe the term of payment is not till the first of Novr. to compleat the Year, and if they mean to defer taking the Oath till then we shall look upon their behaviour as trifling with Us, and will not admit of it, but insist on that Account being settled immediately, if they take the Oath directly as it is their own proposal they will not be entitled to any further Allowance for damages should any happen within the term still to run of 1754.

We are very sorry to hear the Cost of the Tents you sent Us up agrees pretty nearly with what has charged for some time past because it appears to Us most Exorbitant when compared with what some other Tents made here stand the Company in, those We received from you were immediately sent to Camp so that there was not time to take the exact demensions of them, but they seemed to be pretty near the common size, the difference between their Cost & ours is stated here under for your Observation Vizt.

FORT ST. DAVID OFFICERS TENT, Markey &ca. Compleat	92	27	—
FORT ST. GEORGE Officers Tent, Markey &ca. Compleat contg. 263.1/3 Yds. of Vitteree	59	15	43
Difference ...	33	11	37
FORT ST. DAVID PRIVATE Tent ...	9	18	—
FORT ST. GEORGE Ditto containing 28.1/4 Yds. Vitteree all Charges included	4	16	21
Difference ...	5	1	59

We suspend our Judgement on this remarkable difference untill you acquaint Us what are the dimensions & qualitys of your Tents that their price should be swelled so much beyond ours, let it be very particularly inquired into & stated to Us and if you find there has been any fraud examine and acquaint Us what number of Tents the Company have been supplied with at that rate and by whom.

As soon as all the Writers for this Establishment expected from Europe are arrived we shall station them according to their several Capacitys and shall then be mindfull to supply you with as many as can be spared, Acquaint Us how many you reckon a full supply without employing any monthl writers & specfy for what employs they are wanted.

We called upon Capt. James of the Protector to make good the bundle of Steel Pz. 1.1 qr. which you say was deficient, but he insisted that he delivered it with the rest into Boat No. 7 this assertion would not have been altogether satisfactory had he not produced Us his Bill of Lading discharged, so that one way or other there has been some irregularity which the Company must not suffer for, but if the steel is really deficient, as the Storekeeper was to blame for delivering up the Bill of Loading he must make it good.

You did very right in refusing to gratifie your Merchants in their request for an advance of price on their Cloth tho' we are sensible they have some reason of their side, but the difficultys that have been always found in this Country especially to reduce a price that has once been advanced are so very great that nothing but unavoidable necessity can justifie it, indeed it would by no means Answer at present when our Honble Masters complain that our Investmt. yields them little or no profit. The reason you were not supplied with Cash sooner to proceed in your Investment was that we had barely sufficient in the Treasury to answer the Current Expences of the Settlement & the continual demands for the Army and other contingent Charges but as soon as the arrival of the Europe Ships put it in our power to remove that difficulty, we supplied you plentifully & shall continue to do so to the full amount of what you can Invest acquaint Us therefore as near as you can how long your present Cash will answer your demands, that we may provide some Conveyance in time to send you what may be further necessary for your Occasions. When we directed you to advance some money to your old Merchts. as well as the new we assigned the reasons for it that we thought it wrong to lay them entirely aside and fling the whole Trade into the new Merchants hands by making Advances to them only to the utter ruin of the rest, but if they have neglected to exert themselves in return for this Indulgence we shall no longer think them worthy of favour you must therefore insist on their bringing in very shortly to the full amount of their last advance & press them to lessen their Ballances when that is done they may be again tried, as to Irshipa Chitty and Paupa Rauze whom you represent as the most active & responsible persons we are very willing to give them all prudent encouragements the reasons we gave for limitting your advances to Pags. 5000 were that the troubles your way made it too dangerous to risque more at once with the respective Merchants, the same reasons subsists still and we are induced to deviate from there, only beause we are press'd to it by urgent necessity, the Consequence of Septr. dispatch is so great to our Hon'ble Masters that to accomplish it we must run greater risques than we should otherwise chuse, you may therefore advance those two Merchants or such others as may be depended on as largely as you think consistent with prudence & we rely on your utmost diligence to get your cloth cured as early as possible that we may get the Ship clear of the Coast before the breaking up of the Monsoon.

Enclosed is a List of what Goods are to be provided by you for the Current year which we trust you will do your best to comply with be very attentive to the remarks on your Investments which we send you herewith as extracted from the List of Investments received this season from England and pay as great regard to them as if they were repeated here for we are determined to see our

Honble Masters directions executed as litterally as possible, or that sufficient reasons be given for any default. In this Packet you will also receive Copy of an Account sent Us from England of the true Measure of Long Cloth & Salampores &c^{a}. & an Account of Goods over & wanting ℔ Ships arrived in England 1753 with respect to the latter you will observe some Mistakes have been committed both here and at your Settlement in embaling & Invoicing the Goods, let such as relate to you be rectified, and your Export Warehouse^{k}. must be answerable to the Company for what Goods appear to be really deficient, when this Account is adjusted advise Us how you have settled it and what deficiencys are paid for.

Your Indent for Stores shall be complied with as far as we are able by the first Opportunity.

Advise Us at what rate Pagodas may be exchanged into fanams at your place and if it appear worth while you shall have a supply as to Copper Cash its impossible to think about them whilst the Mint is so engaged as it is at present in coining the Treasure from Europe, as soon as that is done we shall order the Cash to be set about.

M^{r}. Thomas Maunsell is henceforward to be considered as Commissary at Camp a head must accordingly be erected in your Books to which that new standing there for M^{r}. Robert Palk as Commissary must be wrote off.

In the beginning of the year you applied to Us for directions how to adjust your Stewards Account Furniture, it could not then be done, but in our Letter dated 8th. April we put you in a method to which we refer, we do not find that it has yet been thought of, it should be set about as soon as possible.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. acquaints Us you have but two Mussoolahs and that more will be wanted, you may therefore order two others to be built which will be sufficient.

Let us have the Account Current with your Settlement the difficultys We were put too for want of your Books last year in time and what passed on that Occasion we hope will be a sufficient inducement to you to be carefull that those ending Ult^{o}. April 1754 are compleated and sent Us in good time.

We observe your Consultations have no Marginal Notes which must be rectified in future, and we would have you mention upon every Page of your Consultation Book the day of the month on which each Consultation is held for the more ready turning to the same.

Our Honble Masters having given some very particular directions relating to their morals and manner of living of their servants in General we send you an extract thereof that you may carefully conform thereto. Acquaint Us particularly of the result of the Enquirys you shall make from time to time in consequence of the 63 Paragraph.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 31ST. JULY 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

List of Goods to be Provided at Fort St. David for the Year 1754.

	Pieces.
Long Cloth Ordinary as much as can be procured.	
Ditto. fine four thousand	4,000
Ditto. Blue deep die, Ordinary and Middling four thousand.	4,000
These of late years have been very thin and Ordinay care must be taken to amend them.	
Roomals Blue Seven thousand	7,000
The full quantity must be procured if possible or the reason assigned for a deficiency.	
Salampores rdinary as much as can be procured.	
D' Midling as much as can be procured.	
D' Fine four thousand	4,000
Succatums Fine Twenty Yards long two hundred	200

We are

Fort St. George
the 31st. July 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 139.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We observe by your Letter of the 15th. Instant you are under some difficultys how to adjust an Article in your Books of Firelocks for which Expedition to Tritchenopoly stands Dr. to Account Current Fort St. David tho' by what we can understand there is no such Article in the Fort St. David Books, that you may not be at a Stand on this Account let Account Current Fort St. George be Credited and we will settle it here.

In regard to the Ground you propose to have sold as an Encouragement to Inhabitants to come and settle there, it is improper to be put in Execution at present as the whole Country is rented of Us for a certain Term and it may injure the Farmers, the Cowle will expire next June when it may be effected with much greater ease.

Since we ordered Mr. Call to survey your Fortifications and Buildings we have rec'd our Honble Masters orders not to lay out any thing more on them than is absolutely necessary, the Charge of putting them in a tollerable condition would be so considerable that we cannot think of entering on it, the most essential repair wanting at present is the Powder Magazine which therefore you must get done, acquaint Mr. Call with our directions on this head that he may advise what is proper to be done to the Magazine, we only mean that it is to be so fitted up as to render it tollerably secure for that purpose, any other trifling repairs may also be made if they are really necessary & not otherwise.

We are

Fort St. George
the 31st. July 1754.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 140.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In your Letter of the 6th. Instant you acquainted Us you had permitted Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson to come up hither for the recovery of his health, which we were before informed of by his arrival here the 5th. Instant, on a proper representation from you we should not have refused him that liberty, but we cannot approve of the Companys Servants removing from any of the Subordinates without our leave first obtained unless upon very emergent Occasions Mr. Johnsons was not so pressing but that it might have admitted of delay till our answer could have been received.

When we compare your Letter of the 17 July in relation to the Investment, with what you say on that Subject in our last we observe a very remarkable difference, In the first you say Irshippa Chitty & Paupa Rauze upon an Ingenuous Computation of the Number of Bales they could provide against the September dispatch were in hopes of bringing in about 400 if they were not impeded for want of money or by fresh disturbances, upon this we gave you liberty to advance them as largely as you might judge prudent which they are no sooner appriz'd of than they evade giving any direct answer & only tell you in general Terms they will do their best leaving it very doubtfull whether any dependance can be had on their performance, this is acting very disingenously by you of which they should be made sensible.

Enclosed, you will receive a report in consequence of a survey of Cloth received, from you in February last, it is very fortunate that we were not under a necessity of immediately shipping it off for Europe without reembaling, had we done so, how justly should we have been exposed to the severest Censure of our Honble Masters, but the fault is not the more excusable because this has not happened, the Bale Notes plainly shew the Cloth was never sorted, a neglect that cannot be passed over, it is not sufficient to say the Company shall not be injured by this particular Case, for they would have suffered had we not discovered it however untill we hear what you have to offer. we shall only add that We are determined your Export Warehousekeeper shall either take the Cloth for his own Account or make good the difference of value to the Company upon a just appraisement.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 14th. August 1754.

No. 141.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

By your Letter of the 6th. August we observe you are in want of Arms for the new raised Seapoys, we have no Conveyance at present to send any, the Gentlemen at St. David must therefore supply you with as many as they can & when an opportunity offers we shall replace them.

If the Polligars are really as remiss in their duty as you represent them they certainly are culpable, we very well know the Nature & Customs of the Natives prompt them to injustice & Tyranny and we know too that those out of power are never to be satisfied & always full of Complaints, therefore be very cautious in your enquirys, give Credit to neither party without just grounds & upon proof punish the offenders satisfie the Injured & oblige every one to perform his duty.

The Repairs (of which you enclose an Estimate) appearing to be necessary let them be executed, we mean the last, the former amount to a large sum & require further Consideration.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 15th. August 1754.

No. 142.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatched the Protector back to you the 19th. Ulto. and then addressed you, we have since had your favour of the 6th. June.

We must appologize to your Honr. &ca. for a little mistake which has been committed inadvertently, in tearing the Cover of a Packet directed to you which came in one to Us from the West Coast, it is now forwarded to you with one from Anjengo & another from England.

The Norfolk arrived here the 17 Instant from England but as she sailed at the same time with the York & Denham she brings nothing new.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 20th. August 1754.

No. 143.

To George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca.
Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have duly reced. your two Letters of the 5 June & 4th. July with the Packets accompanying them for the President and Council of Bombay, the first was forwarded the 19 Ultimo by the Protector, & latter dispatched by Pattamar yesterday.

The Ships from Europe bound for this Port & China all came safe & were dispatched in due time for their destined Port The York, Denham & Norfolk for Coast & bay are also arrived here and the two former gone to the Bay.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 21 August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 144.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President & Council I enclose a remittance in your favour of a Lack of Rupees drawn by Linga Chitty on his Gomastah Paupa Rauze & Nauchuma Chitty payable at 15 days sight for which when reced. please to credit this Presidency.

I am

Fort St. George
the 21 August 1754.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. hble Servant

Jos. Du Pre
Secry.

No. 145.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was by the York dated the 27 Ultimo when we were in hopes the arrival of the Norfolk would have soon enabled Us to dispatch the Denham to you, but that Ship having had a very long passage did not import here till the 17 Instant.

In our two last Letters to your Honour &ca. we enclosed Indents for 3000 Bags Salt Petre, but having since had an opportunity of purchasing here at the Bengal price 2542 Bags we shall have occasion for the less from you and request you will please to send us only five hundred Bags.

We shall also be obliged to you for as large a supply of good Gunpowder as you can send Us, & beg your Compliance with the accompanying Indent for Wares to be forwarded to the West Coast.

Enclosed is an Account of a deficiency ℔ York the amount whereof Captain Ward paid here, but as it is probable the particulars may be found in unloading the ship in that case we are to request your Honour &ca. will forward them to Us, reimburse Capt. Ward the value, & debt Us for the same.

We have landed from the Norfolk all the Military Recruits intended for you, a List of them is in the Packet.

We have laden & Consigned to you on the Denham 20 Chests of Bullion, ten Chests of Arcot Rupees, & thirty Chests of Mad. Rupees & have ordered the Commander to proceed immediately to the Bay without touching any where.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 21 August 1754

A Packet rec'd from England & one from the West Coast under your address in the Packet We have consigned to you on this Ship
Ca. Md.
Denham 134. 8 Redwood, as ℔ Invoice.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ DENHAM.

Nº. 1 Genl. Letter dated the 21 August 1754.
2 Dup. Dº 27 July
3 Invoice of Treasure laden on the Denham for Bengal.
4 Bill of Loading for Dº.
5 Duplicate Invoice of the York for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Dº.
7 Extract of the Comp. Genl. Letter dated 23 Janry. 1754.
8 Extract of a Genl. Letter from England from the York, & Denham which were intended for Bengal.
9 Roll of Military landed at Fort Stt. George from the York, & Denham which were intended for Bengal.
10 Dº. landed from the Norfolk.
11 Indent for wares for Fort Marlborough.
12 Account Deficiencys ℔ York.
13 Account of Merchandize Imported at Fort Stt. George by the Commander & Officers of the Denham.

Received from England to be forwarded.
14 Europe Invoice of the Denham for Bengal.
15 Bill of Loading for Dº.
16 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the Denham for Coast & Bay.

Received from England to be forwarded.
17 Copy of the Denham's Victualling Bill.
18 A Packet for the Presidt. & Council of Ft. Wm. ℔ Denham.
19 A Packet for Dº. rec'd from Fort Marlbro'.

JOS. DU PRE'
Secry.

Nº. 146.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE MEARD
OF SHIP DENHAM.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William & follow their Orders for your further proceedings. DATED IN FORT STT. GEORGE the 21 August 1754.

SIGNED by Order of the President & Council.

JOS: DU PRE
Secry.

No. 147.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We dispatched the York from hence the 27th. Ulto. with orders to touch at your Port to land a Consignment of Treasure of which we then advised you.

The Deficiency in the Rice is very considerable and probably arises in a great measure from Pilferage which it is impossible ever to prevent, we apprehended a Loss would happen by sending it on Country Vessells, but as you were in want & we had no other Conveyance it became a case of necessity, the Syrangs of those vessells were so sensible of this that they refused to take the Grain on board if they were to be made answerable for deficiencys, we agreed they should not & therefore what is wanting must be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Ibrahim Ally Cawn having wrote the President very pressingly for some Assistance to support himself & family requesting at the same time that he would dispose of a quantity of Paddy for his Account which was lodged here & remit him the produce, as we have reced favours from Japhir Ally Cawn & should be glad to do his family any service provided our Honble Masters are not sufferers by it, we have purchased the said Paddy for the Companys Account amounting to four hundred & one Pagodas twenty seven fanams & seventy two Cash (401—27—72) the quantity being 12 Garce 70 Marcals at 33 Pags. ℔ Garce which sum you will pay to Ibrahim Ally Cawn & debt Us for the same

You must certainly be mistaken in the measure of your brown Cloth it could never fail of turning out above 36 yards when white if it were 72 Covids brown. we have made the Experiment here upon five pieces brown Cloth each measuring brown exactly Seventy Covids, after being washed four of them were full 68½ Covids long or 36 yds. 5½ Inchs. & the fifth sixty Nine Covids or 36 yds. 15 Inchs. but tho' this exceeds the Companys Measure we have ordered that no Cloth under 70 Covids shall be taken in & even insist on its being full Seventy One or upwards, you must observe the same and for greater Satisfaction we would have you try the Experiment yourselves.

We observe the quantity of Cloth you have on hand and hope you will be able to encrease it considerably in time for our dispatch we should be glad you would always mention at the foot of your Letters as particularly as in your last the Cloth you have ready & preparing.

Messrs. Westcott & Andrews write Us that Monsr. Bussey is expected at Rajahmundrum & that they apprehend he will impede our business & insist on being treated as Nabob of that province, we have ordered them not to acknowledge him as such on any Account, and you will observe the same, he is no more than Renter of those Countrys.

Mr Dupleix is dismissed from his Government and is succeeded in it by Monsr. Godeheu lately arrived from France, he speaks in a very pacifick Stile & we shall not be backward in Answering his Intentions if they really tend to the restoring tranquility on just & honourable terms but we shall be on our guard & place no more confidence in Gallic Declarations than they deserve.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 22d. August 1754.

No. 148.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have three Letters from you unanswered dated the 7th. 13th. & 29th. July, we are gald to observe by the Letter that the dispute with the French in regard to your Timbers has been settled to your Satisfaction had it been otherwise we should have used our endeavours to procure you Justice. The Answer you returned to Juggapetarauzes demand of the Towns which the Company hold by Cowles from Vizaramrauze was very right. The French will certainly try every means in their power to wrest from Us our legal possessions, their Actions have so plainly proved their Intentions that we ought to be the more on our Guard, your resolution to defend the Companys possession under your Charge to the last extremity is highly laudable, we hope & don't doubt but you will continue it & that it will have the desired Effect to the Confusion of the disturbers of publick tranquility, but to be ready for the worst your Caution in preparing a vessell to secure the Companys Effects is proper and what we sometime ago directed tho' we don't imagine it will come to this extremity, but let what will happen you are not on any Account to acknowledge Mr. De Bussey as Nabob of that Province for he really is not the most he can with any Colour pretend to is a Cowle from Salabat Jing for receiving the Rents.

Monsr. Godeheu is lately arrived from France in quality of Governour General & Commander in Chief of all the French Companys Settlements in India, he declares his Orders & Intentions are pacifick how far they are so time must shew, but we shall have no relyance on declarations unless they are supported by suitable actions.

We observe the quantity of Cloth you have on hand continue to mention it constantly at the Foot of all your Letters, we can add nothing to what we have already said on this subject and we rely on your best endeavours on our parts we will give you what assistance we can, a Military force is not in our power to spare but a further supply of money shall be sent to Vizagapatam for your use before the season is over, & also the Gunpowder you desire.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 22d. August 1754.

No. 149.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

Our last to you was by the York dated the 27 July, We have since recēd your three Letters of the 17 & 18 of the same Month & the [*lacuna*] August. We observe what you say in regard to your Investment we have already given you our Sentiments on it so fully that it would be but a needless repetition to enforce it, we were pleased to learn by your Letter of the 17 that the Towns where the Chief part of your Cloth is manufactured had escaped the fury of the Morattoes the good Effects will we hope be felt in your Investment, Mr. De Bussey will doubtless impede it as much as he can & you are right to be on your Guard tho' we cannot imagine he will proceed to the extremitys you apprehend, but even if he should you are on no Account to acknowledge him as Nabob of the Province, he is no more than the Renter of it by virtue of a Cowle from Salabat Jing, therefore pursue the Instructions we have already given you, prepare a Vessell to secure the Companys Effects on, in case you should be attacked maintain your Ground to the last extremity and when you can do no more embark and proceed to Vizagapatam, we should be glad were it in our power to assist you with more than Advice and Orders, but we cannot spare any further reinforcements from hence.

Monsr. Godehu is lately arrived from France in quality of Governour General & Commander in Chief of all the French Companys Settlements in India, he declares his Orders & Intentions are pacifick how far they are so time must shew, but we shall have no relyance on declarations unless they are supported by suitable Actions.

You should never omit to mention at the foot of your Letters what quantity of Cloth you have on hand. That you may not be impeded in your Investment for want of money we propose sending a further supply to Vizagapatam for your use by the latter ships.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 22d. August 1754.

No. 150.

To Mr. Andrew Newton at Tanjore.

Sir

In February last a large number of Bales of Brown Cloth were reced. from Fort St. David which having been since examined no less than 1222 pieces have been found so torn & damaged as to be fit for nothing but wrappers, the Bale Notes are all signed measured & Embaled by you but it does not appear that the Cloth was ever sorted. I am ordered by the President & Council to desire you will acquaint them whether you recollect anything of the sorting that Cloth, & by whom it was done with any other Circumstances relating to it that may occur to you.

The 6th. & 8th. Instant I enclosed you 2 Bills for 5000 Pagodas ea. for the use of the Army the receipt whereof has not been acknowledged please to let me know whether they came safe & have been paid.

I am
SIR
Your most humble Servant
JOS. DU PRE'
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 27TH. AUGUST 1754.

No. 151.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We reply to your Letter of the 20th. Instant.

The sum of the Trevendeporum Renters say they have collected, is much less than we could have imagined, but as they have sworn to the Account in the most solemn manner their religion enjoins, & you no doubt have taken all the pains you could by other means to discover the truth you may receive the amount in full to 31 July last.

We did not mean to have your enquiry concerning the Tents extend so far back as Mr. Cookes time, that having formerly been examined into & his reasons transmitted to Europe as to those that have been made since, the report of your Committee gives us reason to suspect the Company have been imposed on than we at first Imagined for according to their report our Officers Tents contain above Eighty three Yards of Vitterry more than the largest of yours & One hundred & thirty three Yards more than the smallest & yet yours amount to above thirty three Pagodas more than ours, the difference in the private Tents is as remarkable, Ours contain above eight yards of Vitterry more than yours & cost above four Pagodas & three Quarters less which exceeds the charge of our more than One hundred One ℘ Cent, we grant the Vitterry may be a trifle dearer at your place than here, but it can bear no sort of proportion to the difference between your Charge & ours, we are determined to have this Affair cleared up if possible & to do the Company Justice, therefore a further enquiry must be made if (as it appears by your Committees Report) the Officers Tents were of different sizes vizt. from 130 to 180 yards, how comes it that they are all charged at the same price 92¾ Pags. tho' the exact quantity of Vitterry used by each Tent may not appear by the Companys Books it probably may by the Storehouse Conicoplys Cadjans or the late Mr. St. Paul's private Conicoplys, examine them strictly 'tis impossible but that they must be very well acquainted with every Circumstance, if they prevaricate or pretend Ignorance, confine them or use such rigorous measures as may best conduce to a discovery of the truth and follow the same method with all other persons from whom you may have reason to expect any Information when by such an enquiry you are thoroughly informed of the quantity & quality of the Vittery used in those Tents the Charge of making and every other particular relating to them report the same to Us with your Opinion. before we leave the subject we must observe that the reasons given for making the Officers Tents of different Sizes ought not to be admitted let a certain Standard be fixed & don't deviate from it to gratifie any Officer without a very good reason.

We should have paid a much greater regard to your assertion than to the attestation of Conicoplys, Cotton beaters, Peons, Bag Cooleys and Packers on whose Testimony we know how to set a Just value, but as you aver the Cloth was sorted we cannot doubt it & only want to be satisfied by whom it was done,

the means of proving this occurrs very readily, your packing Book will immediately shew every particular, for our satisfaction let the foul Book be sent Us up directly. It is extreamly improbable that any of the Cloth should have met with the damage we mentioned, since you parted with it, for the 1222 pieces were not as you seem to apprehend contained in forty Bales but were picked out of the whole quantity you sent us up brown & none of those Bales appeared on the outside to have the least damage as our Export Warehousekeepers informs Us which fixes the fault still at your Settlement it will avail but little merely to prove the Cloth was sorted for it will still be certain either that it was sorted without attention or that the Cloth was changed afterwards which it rests with you to discover we shall be very glad to have it fixed upon the guilty, you will therefore take such measures as you think best to detect the fraud, for be assured we will see Justice done the Company.

We do not desire your Warehousekeeper should be answerable for any deficiencys that he is not properly chargeable with, but as you can by your books readily tell who had the Employ of Export warehouse keeper at the several times when the Cloth ℘ Admiral Vernon, Bombay Castle & Chesterfield was embaled, let them be examined & send us an Account of the deficiencys & persons who are chargeable with them.

Captain James positively averred that his Bill of Lading was regularly indorsed as fullfilled, we cannot be so certain that he actually produced it, as your Storekeeper insists he endorsed it with an exception let the affair rest for the present we shall write to Bombay when we shall desire that Capt. James may be called upon to produce the Bill of Lading & if it is endorsed with an exception be obliged to make good the deficiency otherwise your Storekeeper must answer for it.

If you can Exchange Pagodas into fanams at 43 it is much better that you should do so than have them sent from hence where the Exchange for any quantity is $\overset{fa.}{42}.\ \overset{ca.}{20}$ you will therefore supply yourselves.

It is probable we may soon have Occasion to employ the Reverend Mr. Palk in our Negociations with the French but as soon as it is more convenient one of the Companys Chaplains shall reside with you some part of the Year.

According to a just valuation of the several Horses that were lent to mount the Troops we find Cootahs White Horse valued at One hundred & twenty Pagodas which sum you'll therefore pay him.

Our Madeira Wine is very near expended so that we cannot supply you with any more, let Us have a particular Account how the thirty Pipes sent you have been distributed.

In regard to the Deve Cotah Bound Renters demand we are informed Messrs. Boddam & Wynch when Paymasters supplied the Company with an additional number of Bricks in consideration of the liberty of cutting Firewood without Charge as to the Polligars, The Braminys, Rama Naigue &ca. a mere assertion that they are indebted in certain sums is no way satisfactory, some sort of proof should be brought & they should have an opportunity of justifying themselves, all which you will thoroughly enquire into, we must observe that the Jancan appears to Us very extravagant, the value of all the Firewood Mr. Wynch had from thence was no more than 1100 & the Juncan charged in the Account you sent Us up is 458 Pagodas, let this be enquired into.

The disabled Topasses who came in from Camp should be put upon the pension list but they should first produce a Certificate from the Commander in Chief of their good behaviour to entitle them thereto as to the Lascars we

rather chuse they should have a gratuity given them according to the Circumstances of their case and be dismissed without buthening [*sic*] the Company any further.

The Dutch never deliver up any Deserters from Us therefore by all means protect those that may fly from them to Us for refuge but the Boat which you mention to have been run away with from Negapatam must be returned. We have at times had many Men desert to the Dutch We are certain they fare no where so well as with Us & therefore imagine they would again be glad of our Service encourage them to it, & to that end publish all over the Bounds a free pardon to all deserters whatsoever who shall return.

Enclosed is a List of sundry Hospital necessarys Indented for by Mr. Wilson at Tritchenopoly, you will order them to be prepared and sent thither by the first Opportunity.

Mahomed Ebar Cawn has wrote the President that he is sent by Major Lawrence & the Nabob to fetch Mahauphooz Cawn & desires that the 50,000 Rupees may be paid to him, that he will engage Mahauphooz Cawn to proceed and not advance him the money till he has passed the Coladam, but if after all Mahauphooz Cawn should still refuse to move he will be accountable for & repay the money as he shall be directed. We would have the Deputy Govr. discourse with Ebar Cawn & promise him the half Lack on Mahauphooz Cawn's arrival at Deve Cotah but if that should not be satisfactory pay him the money directly making him accountable in case Mahauphooz Cawn should still delay or refuse to proceed.

The Deputy Govr. has wrote to the President in regard to the providing a large number of Cotts in case any Land Forces should be sent from Europe, Admiral Boscawen Forces were supplied with Matts only & the same method may be practised again, a few Cotts may be provided for the sick.

The Anson arrived here this morning from England by her Our Hon'ble Masters have been pleased to make an alteration in the Council which now stands thus.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. ...	President & Govr.
George Pigot Esqr.	Second of Council Deputy Govr of Fort St. David & to succeed as President & Govr. in case of the death or removal of Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Lieut. Coll. Alexander Heron ...	Major & third of Council & to remain so without rising to a superiour rank therein.
Richard Starke	Fourth of Council
Charles Boddam	Fifth
Henry Powney	Sixth
Robert Orme	Seventh
Foss Westcott	Eighth
Alexr. Wynch	Ninth
William Perceval	Tenth
Thomas Cooke	Eleventh
John Smith	Twelfth
Chas. Bourchier	Thirteenth

We have immediate Occasion for the Dragon Sloop if she should be with you on the receipt of this dispatch her directly to Us.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. AUGUST 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 152.

To MR. CHARLES HOPKINS
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH.

SIR

The Anson Capt. Veitch arrived this day from England, we have immediate Occasion for the Dragon Sloop, if she should be with you on the receipt of this dispatch her directly to Us.

Your Letter of the 19th. with the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement are received.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. AUGUST 1754.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 153.

To GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Our Honble Masters by their Commands dated the 15th. Febry. last received the 29th. Ultimo by their Ship Anson, having signified to Us their Appointment of George Pigot Esqr. to be second of Council, Deputy Governour of Fort St. David and to succeed as President and Governour in case of the death or removal of Thomas Saunders Esqr.. We congratulate him on this mark of their favour and would have him take the very first Opportunity of coming up hither. We have appointed Charles Boddam Esqr. to Succeed Mr. Pigot in the Chiefship of Vizagapatam, Mr. John Lewin Smith to be Second in the room of Mr. Banks (whose death we are advised of by your Letter of the 11th. Ultimo) and Mr. Marmaduke Best to supply the place of Mr. John Lewin Smith as third of Council, but as it may be some time before Mr. Boddam can leave this place and

Mr. Pigots presence here will be proper as soon as possible the charge of the Settlement on his quitting it must be delivered over to Mr. John Lewin Smith as provisional Chief untill Mr. Boddams arrival.

Your Indent for Stores shall be complied with by the first Opportunity.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 2D. SEPTR. 1754.

No. 154.

TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF &CA.
COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you by Pattamr the 2d. Instant and now dispatch the Dragon Sloop to you with a Duplicate since the date of which our Hon'ble Masters Ship Britannia, employed as a Transport for his Majestys Land Forces is arrived at Fort St. David with part of those intended for the Companys protection on this Coast, we are in hourly expectation of the rest accompanyed by a Fleet of his Majestys Ships of War.

The Dragon Sloop is to be returned to Us as soon as the season will permit.

Enclosed is the Invoice and Bill of Lading of what Stores we have been able to send you by this Conveyance.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 6TH. SEPTR. 1754.

P.S.—Enclosed are two Letters one for Vizaramrauze the other for Ibrahim Ally Cawn which you will forward the accompanying Translations are for your perusal.

No. 155.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Enclosed is a Duplicate of our last which we hope will arrive in time to prevent your taking any step that might be construed an Acknowledgment of Mr. De Bussey for Nabob of the Province especially as we observe by your Letter of the 14th. August you were apprehensive from his proceedings he would arrogate to himself a power and dignity he is not invested with & expect Vackeels from the English Settlements to wait on him so long as he receives the rents assigned to him without molesting Us or impeding our business. We must be content to leave him in the enjoyment of them and consider him as a renter only, your whole business therefore is to remain firm in the defence of the Companys rights & Estate committed to your Charge and not to do anything that may either embroil you with the French or on the other hand be construed a submission to their unjust pretensions.

The Britannia with some of his Majestys Forces on board is arrived at Fort St. David, we are in hourly expectation of the arrival of more with a fleet of Men of War.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George

the 6th. Sepr. 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 156.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

This encloses a duplicate of our last and acknowledges the receipt of yours of the 23d. ultimo. We have not been less pressing with the Gentlemen at the other Settlements than with you in regard to the Investment and they have given us the strongest assurances that they will observe our directions as punctually as possible we [sic] a very sensible that your Co-operating in the same measures will contribute much to facilitate the execution of them we shall therefore be equally strict and give equal encouragement to all.

Our Honble Masters Ship Britannia serving as a Transport is arrived at Fort St. David with some of his Majestys Land Forces, we are in hourly expectation of more with a Fleet of Men of War.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 6TH. SEPR. 1754.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 157.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

As You have not advised Us whether there is any packet or not on board the Britannia for Us we conclude there is none however if there should be any forward it to Us immediately by Mussoolah.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10TH. SEPR. 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 158.

TO THOMAS COOKE ESQR. AT FORT ST. DAVID.

SIR

The Honble Court of Directors having taken notice in one of their Letters that it was hinted to them two of the Council had attempted to commit a fraud by an Over charge in their Accounts the President thereupon acquainted the board that Major Lawrence had informed him such a report had been spread by John Moore the Carpenter against Mr. Smith and you Mr. Smith having in consequence wrote to Major Lawrence for Information on that subject, has laid before the Board an Extract of his answer in which he says that having applied to John Moore to know the truth of that report, John Moore declared himself in the following Manner Vizt.

" I carried in my Bill for payment, Messrs. Smith & Cooke were together " (the amount of the Bill I think he said was between 8 & 900 Pagodas) on " presenting my account either Mr. Smith or Mr. Cooke or both of them said

" we will pay you the account, but cannot you encrease the amount to 1500 " Pagodas by enlarging the Articles, upon which he John Moore, said what " Gentlemen would you have me cheat the Company, I will do no such things.

The Honble Court of Directors having ordered an enquiry to be made into this Affair & transmitted to them I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you there with and to desire you will communicate to them whatever you may know in regard to the matter in question.

I AM

FORT ST. GEORGE

SIR

THE 10TH. SEPR. 1754.

Your most Obedt. h'ble Servt.

JOSS. DU PRE'

Secry.

No. 159.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Hon'ble Masters Ship Denham was dispatched from hence to you the 21st. Ulto. with our Address of that date, since when the Anson imported here, Captain Veitch having been allowed a considerable time to refresh, and provide necessarys for his Ship and people proceeds to you with 36 Chests of Mad: Rupees and 12 Chests of Arcot Rupees being pretty near the whole amount of the Treasure consigned from Europe to be forwarded to you.

Our Honble Masters having been under a necessity of sending the Kent, London and Britannia to this Coast on purpose to Transport a detachment of Troops his Majesty has been graciously pleased to assist the Company with, they have ordered Us to concert with you the best Measures for employing that additional Tonnage in such manner as to indemnifie them from the heavy charge of Demorage, it is probable you are furnished with the same Instructions as are sent Us, however that we may go hand in hand we send you a Copy of ours for your Information. The Britannia is already arrived, and we are in hourly expectation of the Kent & London.

In our Letter of the 16 April we acquainted your Honour &ca. with our Sentiments on the State of the Trade in India and how incapable we were of taking up any of the Companys Tonnage this Season on our own Accounts; Experience has since confirmed our Opinion, but tho' we cannot employ any of these ships at our own risque yet as well in compliance with our Honble Masters commands as through our own Inclination to disburthen them we have given publick notice that all persons who may be inclined to freight any or either of the ships Kent London or Britannia may deliver in their proposals to Us and we shall give all the encouragement we can to those who may be inclined to Venture but we much doubt the Success of this Plan, if we should not be able to let either of them we shall send the three down to the Bay in hopes that your Honour &ca. may be more fortunate than we in the disposal of them, but in case you should lay under the same inability that we do we then can think of no other scheme than returning them to Us in January with Cargoes of rice, we therefore submit to your Honor. &ca. either to provide such Cargoes or not as you shall judge most for our Hon'ble Masters Interest.

His Majesty has been pleased to assist the Company with a Regiment of Infantry consisting of above 800 Men and a detachment of near 80 men from

the Royal Train of Artillery with a Squadron of 5 Men of War and a Sloop commanded by Admiral Watson, the Admiral with two others are already arrived and the rest are daily expected.

The Colchester is not yet arrived therefore we still detain the Norfolk.

We must apologize to your Honour &c^{a}. for inadvertently opening the Box packet from Europe ℔ Anson under your Address, Captain Veitch brought it ashore by mistake and it was opened without observing the direction, we soon discovered the Error and had it nailed up and sealed again immediately.

Captain Veitches Orders are to proceed to Vizagapatam to land a Consignment of Treasure anl then make the best of his way to you.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

THE 14TH. SEP^{R}. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
W^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ ANSON.

N^{o}. 1 General Letter dated 14th. September 1754.
2 Duplicate D^{o}. . . . 21 August
3 Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5 Dup. Invoice of the Denham for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading Ditto.
7 Extract of the Companys General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George dated 2^{d}. March 1754.
8 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort S^{t}. George by the Comm. & Officers of the Anson.
9 Account Deficiencys ℔ York.
10 List of Military consigned to Bengal ℔ Norfolk but landed here.
11 Indent for Wares for Fort Marlborough.
12 Europe Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
13 Bill of Lading for D^{o}.
14 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Anson for the Coast & Bay.
15 Copy of the Ansons Victualling Bill.

These are in the Box apart

16 Packet directed to the Honble President & Council at Fort William ℔ Warren.
17 Packet directed to D^{o}. ℔ Britannia.
18 Packet directed to D^{o}. ℔ Anson.
19 Packet directed to D^{o}. ℔ Warren containing 150 Mutiny Acts.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 14TH. SEPT^{R}. 1754.

JOS^{S}. DU PRE
Secry.

N°. 160.

To GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We dispatched the Dragon Sloop to you with Advice dated the 2d. and 6th. Instant, and now order the Anson Captain Veitch to touch at your Port to land a consignment of twenty five thousand Madrass Pagodas, whereof five are for your use, ten for Ingeram and ten for Madapollam, but the two latter are to remain in your custody untill the Gentlemen at those settlements demand them. We are sorry we have reason to believe that this sum with what we have already consigned you will be as large a Supply as you can employ you are therefore not to expect any further remittances from us in the Current year and accordingly you will reserve a sufficiency for Expences of the Settlement.

Vizaramrauze in a Letter to the President has earnestly requested Us to supply him with one hundred Barrells of Gunpowder, we accordingly consign that quantity to you and We leave it to your discretion to deliver it all at once to him or at different times as you may see most convenient on his paying for the same.

Admiral Watson in the Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop are arrived at Fort St. David, three more Men of War are daily expected with the Kent and London India Men serving as Transports.

Captain Veitch's Orders are as soon as he has landed the Treasure consigned to you, to make the best of his way to Bengal.

Be mindfull to send Us your Books and Account Quick Stock in time.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 14 SEPR. 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

N°. 161.

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have consigned to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam by the ship Anson Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas for the use of your Settlement, we have made such a disposition of what Treasure we have remaining that it will not be convenient for us to supply you with any more untill the arrival of the Shipping next Season and indeed the Accounts you have given Us of your Investment leave us no room to imagine you will stand in need of any further assistance, you will therefore set apart as much as may be necessary for the Current Expences of the Year.

Our last advised you of the arrival of the Britannia, Admiral Watson in his Majestys Ship Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop have since anchored at Fort S^{t}. David three more men of war with the London and Kent India Men as Transports are daily expected, on board of all these Ships his Majesty has been graciously pleased to send near 900 Men for the protection of the Companys possession on this Coast, let not this have any Influence on your Conduct which you will still regulate by the Orders already given you.

Don't omit to send Us your Account Quick stock in due time.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

THE 14 SEP^{R}. 1754.

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

N^{o}. 162.

TO M^{R}. JOHN ANDREWS
AT BANDARMALANKA.

SIR

We promised you by the latter Ships a further supply of Cash and we have accordingly consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam by the Anson for the service of your Settlement ten thousand Madrass Pagodas, which is all we purpose sending you untill the arrival of next years shipping after setting apart a sufficient sum for the charges of the Settlement, if you can invest the remainder in good cloth we shall have no reason to complain.

His Majesty has been pleased to assist the Company with a squadron of five Men of War and a Sloop and near 900 Land Forces, Admiral Watson with three ships of the squadron and part of the Troops are arrived at Fort S^{t}. David we expect the rest every hour, this is not to have any Influence on your Conduct in which you will continue to be guided by the Instructions already sent you.

Let it not escape your memory to transmit us your Acc^{t}. of quick stock before our dispatch.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

THE 14 SEP^{R}. 1754.

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 163.

To Captain Robert Veitch
of Ship Anson.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet directed to George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council there and follow their Orders for the delivery of the Treasure and stores on board your Ship consigned to them which being done you are to proceed directly to the River of Bengal and deliver the accompanying Box Packet as directed, to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders you are thenceforth to follow. Dated in Fort St. George the 14 Sepr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 164.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have hitherto given the Deputy Governor alone such Instructions and Directions as we judged necessary for the reception and accommodation of his Majestys Forces and so far as those Orders have been carried into execution the Expences that have thereby arisen must be charged to the Company, As we were not till now furnished with any Orders for our Guidance, but from the receipt of this Letter whatever directions we have given heretofore are to cease and you are to govern yourselves by the Enclosed General Letter from our Honble Masters dated the 2d. March last, to which we add such further Instructions as appear to Us absolutely necessary.

You will observe by the Companys Orders that Admiral Watson and Colonel Adlercron are to be allowed no more than five Pagodas ℔ day each for their Table and all Expences whatsoever, but there are no Appointments settled for Lieut. Col. Bagshaw and Major Sewell except that the Table to be kept by Col. Adlercron is said to be for himself and those two Gentlemen expressly, however as Lieut. Col. Bagshaw commands in Chief in the Absence of Col. Adlercron he must be allowed the five Pagodas ℔ day untill the Colonel arrives.

Altho' our Honble Masters have directed Us not to make any further Allowances than what are express'd in their Commands now transmitted you yet we conceive there are some particulars which are not mentioned merely because they did not occurr to their minds and which we therefore venture to supply.

Admiral Watson and Commodore Pocock are to be allowed Palankeens.

Colonel Adlercron, Lieut. Col. Bagshaw and Major Sewell are to have Palankeens and Horses when in the Field but not in Garrison.

And to the Chaplain to the Regiment you are to allow Eighteen pence ℔ day as an addition to his Pay.

Lieut. Col. Bagshaws request that the Forces may be furnished with Provisions after the manner of the Companys Troops when in the Field for at least fourteen days after their Arrival, is very reasonable and you will therefore comply with it, and that the Soldiery may afterwards with greater ease supply themselves you must give proper directions that a plentifull Buzar be kept at Cuddalore and let it be so regulated that the price of provisions be not enhanced.

The Regulation of the Quarters as well for the Officers as the private Men deserves attention Provide as far as in your power good and sufficient apartments for the former and prevent the encroachments complained of in the latter and that this may the more readily be effected let it be a branch of the Paymasters duty to concert with the commanding officer what is proper to be done and you are to see that it be executed accordingly.

With regard to furniture we imagine it would be impossible to procure any quantity under a very considerable time besides that we are not authorized to put the Company to any Expence on that Account, yet we should be glad if any of the Companys could be spared without great Inconvenience, that Col. Adlercron and the Chief officers were not left destitute of necessary Accommodation on their Arrival.

We recommend to you very strictly to observe the directions in the 10th., 11th., & 12th. Paragraphs for supplying the Squadron and Land Forces with money Stores &ca. adjusting the Accounts and taking Bills on the proper Officers and we also enclose you an Extract of another Letter for your Guidance in regard to Bills for money taken upon Account of the detachment of Artillery, we shall inform ourselves particularly of the value of the Weighty Dollar and write you fully on that head.

You are already directed that the Admiral is to be saluted with 15 Guns, the Commodore with 13, and Col. Adlercron with 13 to which we add that the Captains of the Kings Ships are to be saluted with Eleven Guns.

The Salute for Colonel Lawrence as Commander in Chief of all the Companys Forces in India is to be thirteen Guns.

Tho' we cannot justify giving you Orders for affording his Majestys Officers any better accommodation than what are herein directed, we persuade ourselves you will readily do whatever may be in your power to make every thing easy and agreable, and that they may be convinced of our good Intentions to give Satisfaction produce the Compys. Orders to the Admiral and Colonel and assure them on our part of the most sincere and hearty desire to promote Harmony and Content of which we flatter ourselves they will be convinced by our having taken upon us to exceed our orders.

The directions we gave Mr. Starke the 9th. Instant to hire Mr. Kiernanders house for Colonel Adlercron are still to subsist, we shall be concerned if he should have the same opinion of it as Lieut. Col. Bagshaw, but when we have provided the best in our power we can do no more.

Yours Letters of the 8th. & 10th. Instant shall be answered shortly.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS

ALEXR. HERON &CA. *Council.*

FORT ST. GEORGE

THE 14 SEPR. 1754.

No. 165.

To Richard Starke Esq^r. Deputy Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

The London Captain Richard Alwright being under Orders to touch first at your Port, fell to Leeward and put in here, as we judge it most convenient all the Kings Forces should be assembled at Fort S^t. David We now dispatch her to you that the Stores and detachment on board may be landed and join those already with you. There are Eighty Tons of Iron on board this Ship, you may land such part of it as you have occasion for and advise Us of the quantity, when this is done if you have any Bales ready put them on board and return the Ship to Us, Captain Alwrights Orders are to follow your directions for his proceedings, As soon as the Kings Stores on board the Warren can be transported to the Britannia we shall dispatch the latter to you, which will probably be in two or three days.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^t. George
the 18 Sep^r. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Alex^r. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^r. Wynch.
Will^m. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha^s. Bourchier.

No. 166.

To Captain Richard Alwright of Ship London.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort S^t. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Deputy Governour and Council there and follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort S^t. George the 18 September 1754.

Thomas Saunders &c^a.
Council.

No. 167.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We were in hopes that the last directions we gave you concerning the Tents would have been sufficient to convince you we were determined not to drop the subject without having a more satisfactory Account than you have given Us; if the Conicoply could not tell what Cooley was paid, surely the Taylor that made them or any other Taylor cannot be ignorant of it, we long ago directed that Vouchers should be kept for all Articles of this kind to be produced when called for, demand those for all the Tents made by Mr. St. Paul and from them state to Us the particulars of his Charges, 'tis in vain that we are explicit in our directions unless you are assiduous in executing them; We insist on your enquiring very strictly into this Affair and when you have done so give Us your Opinion upon it.

We have given you our Sentiments before very fully on the torn and damaged cloth, and are sorry you cannot give Us a more satisfactory account we shall only observe that it is very improbable the cloth could be torn after it was embaled, and it would be very unreasonable to turn it upon the Merchants hands, for after it has undergone the usual examination and is out of their Custody they are no longer chargeable, it would give Us great satisfaction to come at the real truth but if you who are on the spot where it happened cannot discover it 'tis improbable that we should here, at all events the Company must be indemnified, amongst the Companys standing orders we find the following— "We hereby declare and direct that whatever Conicoply or other black Servant "or white one if not under Covenants with us is employed by any of our Coven- "ant Servants in looking after any Bullion Goods or Effects of ours or collect- "ing the money for the Sale of them or assisting at their delivery or any "otherwise accountable, such warehousekeeper shall be responsible for him "and them, and therefore that he take sufficient Security for whomsoever he "employs even tho' the President and Council should recommend him, we "likewise order and direct that they never impose a Conicoply or other Person— without such Servants consent in compliance therefore with this Order we do direct that your Export Warehousekeeper do pay to the Company the full amount of the said torn and damaged cloth which shall then be deliver'd here to whomsoever he shall appoint to receive it, and in case it shall at any time hereafter appear who was the real authors of the fraud satisfaction shall be procured from them.

We can neither supply you with fanams nor Copper Cash at present as soon as the Mint is disengaged we shall coin a quantity of the latter and send you a proportion.

You may give protection to all Deserters except the Danes with whom we have entered into an Agreement to the contrary on condition that such Deserters as shall be delivered up on either side be pardoned.

To such Lascars as are really disabled and incapable of getting their living you may grant pensions but gratuitys only, are to be given to all others as we before directed.

If upon examining the Articles of Lieut. Davis's Account with the Original Rolls and Vouchers you find them just he is certainly entitled to the Ballance and you will in such case pay it accordingly. After Capt. Chace's death at Pondicherry we are informed a sum of money was found amongst his Effects which we have reason to believe was part of a Ballance remaining in his hands of the Compys. money for payment of the Garrison at Trivady, enquire of Lieut. Davis whether he can give you any Information in this Affair and advise Us.

There certainly are some Grounds for Cootah's representations in regard to the weighing & measuring Duty, as the removal of the Presidency has doubtless occasion'd a decrease in the Importation of Grain, on this Consideration we consent that instead of four hundred pagodas ℔ Annm. the Annual Rent of that Farm be three hundred Pagodas from the date of the Cowle and you will settle with the Farmer accordingly, as to the several debts which he has mentioned in a List annexed to his Petition, let him draw out a particular account how they arise and when, which we shall then consider of.

We cannot take upon Us to decide or intermeddle with the private disputes of the Arrack Farmers in matter of property those who took the Farm of the Company must pay the Rent.

We have ordered the Bale of Musters you sent Us to be examined when that is done we shall give you our Opinion.

We have appointed Messrs. James Broadbent and Robert Dowsett to be Assistants at your Settlement they will both take their passage on the Britannia.

Tho' we have directed you to show all the Civilities in your power to his Majestys Officers and to promote Harmony and a good understanding with them you are at the same time not to acquiesce to any unreasonable request or proposals but remember that the Settlement of Fort St. David and its districts belong to the Company and are committed to your charge, the King Forces are therefore not to have any command there but are to be considered merely as Troops in quarters.

You are to supply Capt. Hislop with the Tumbrils &ca. he desires and any other Stores in the Compys. Godowns that may be really wanted for the Service.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18 SEPR. 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 168.

To HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Winchelsea arrived here the 11th. and Captain Baron has delivered Us your Packet of the 26th. August, your favour of the 6th. June has also been received.

We shall give your Presidency due Credit for the Arms, pay & provisions supplied the detachments sent to our Assistance.

Our Letter of the 29th. July (which your Honrs. &ca. had not received when you wrote that we are now answering) will explain the case of the protested Bill, however it may not be amiss just to take notice that there is no Inconsistence in the Import Warehousekeepers endorsement, on referring to our Letter of the 14 June your Honour &ca. may observe that we only returned you a protest for non acceptance but kept the Bill here in order to demand payment at its falling due & advised you that if it was not duely discharged we should then return you both the Bill and another protest for want of payment, but the Bill was duely paid and the person on whom it was drawn to save his Credit Immediately dispatched a private pattamar with it regularly endorsed as being discharged, which reached you before our Advices of the 29th. July.

Sr. James Foulis's Services would have been extreamly acceptable if the Company had not sent us out Lieut. Col. Alexr. Heron as Major of this Garrison who will shortly take the Field, we have returned Sr. James Foulis our thanks for his readiness to serve the Company and acquainted him that we apprehend his presence at Bombay will be as material to the Companys Interest as his stay here considering our present situation.

We shall satisfie Captain Baron for the four puncheons of Beef and the diet of the two Europeans with Sr. James Foulis and debt your Presidency for the same.

Captain Baron has delivered us the Mace for the use of our Mayors Court, and we are to request your Honour &ca. will favour us with the other Ensigns of state as soon as they are finished.

Besides the several ships originally intended for this Coast and the Bay (which are all arrived) our Honble Masters have been under a necessity of sending Us the Kent London and Britannia to Transport a detachment of Troops which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to assist the Company with they have also ordered the Warren to touch here to land some of the stores intended for the use of that detachment and then to proceed round to you, that ship arrived here a few days ago and shall be dispatched to you as soon as the people are sufficiently refreshed.

His Majesty has also ordered a Squadron of Men of War consisting of five ships and a sloop for the protection of the Companys rights in these parts, they are under the Command of Admiral Watson who is already arrived in the Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop, and the Companys Ships London and Britannia as Transports.

To fill up the Tonnage that will be vacant in the Warren after landing the Kings Stores here our Hon'ble Masters have directed Us to load on that Ship all such Woollen Goods as will not readily sell here and consign them to you if we apprehend they will go off more advantageously on your side, we have already acquainted your Honour &ca. Council we should be glad to be disburthened of a large quantity but as we have no Grounds to imagine you are in any Condition to take them off our Hands we shall wait your Answer to our Letter of the 19 July before we send you any.

Whilst the Protector was on this Coast we made use of her to transport sundry Stores to Fort St. David, the Gentlemen there wrote Us that a Bundle of Steel wt. 1. 1 was deficient of the Consignment, we called upon Capt. James in his return here to make it good but he assured Us that he had delivered the whole Consignment and that his Bill of Lading had been delivered up to him regularly endorsed We omitted to see that it was so but demanded the value of the Steel of the Storekr. there, who delares he is ready to make Oath that he never reced. the Steel and says that he endorsed the Bill of Loading in the presence of Capt. James's Chief Lieut. (who promised to deliver the Steel in case it should be afterwards found to the Storekr. here) and did particularly except the missing Bundle mentioning its weight, we are therefore to request

your Honour &c^{a}. Council will call upon Capt. James to produce his Bill of Loading and if it appears endorsed as above, oblige him to make good the value
fa. c.
of the Steel being Pagodas 4–24–60.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 23^{D}. SEP^{R}. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ALEX^{R}. HERON.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

N^{o}. 169.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Winchelsea Capt. Baron being under Orders from Bombay to toucn here gives Us an Opportunity to forward a Duplicate of our Address by the Anson with Copy of some other papers which went by that Ship as also two packets received from England one by the Norfolk the other by the London Capt. Alwright who imported here since the departure of the Anson.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 19TH. SEPTEM^{R}. 175

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ALEX^{R}. HERON.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℔ Winchelsea.

No. 1 General Letter dated 19th. Sepr. 1754 ℔ Winchelsea.
2 Dup. Do. 14 Sepr. ℔ Anson.
3. Dup. Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
4 Second Bill of Loading Do.
5 Extract of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated 2d. March 1754.
6 Packet from England for the President & Council of Fort William received ℔ Norfolk.
7 Do. reced. ℔ London.

Fort St. George the 19th. Sepr. 1754.

Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 170.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The Naval and Military Stores by the Warren for the use of his Majestys Squadron and Forces being transported on board the Britannia we now dispatch that Ship to you, the vouchers for the several Articles are in the possession of the proper Officer who accompanys them and you are to have no other concern than to give the necessary assistance in Landing them, when that is done if you have any more Bales ready besides what you may send Us on the London put them on board the Britannia and dispatch her to Us.

Messrs. James Broadbent & Robert Dowsett whom we have stationed at your Settlement take their passage on the Britannia, they have each been paid ten Pagodas for their charges in removing, Diet for this Month and salary to the 25 Instant.

Captain Norways Orders are to follow your directions for his proceedings.

We are

Fort St. George
the 19th. Sepr. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Alexr. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 171.

To Captin Nevell Norway
of Ship Britannia.

Sir

You are hereby required to proceed on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Deputy Governour & Council there and follow their Orders for your future proceedings, Dated in Fort St. George the 23 September 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca.
Council.

No. 172.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

After a carefull Survey of the Bales of Musters you sent Us by the Britannia we are of opinion that the cloth is much inferior to what those sortments used to be and therefore we should be for rejecting it, if there was any probability of bringing the Merchants to better terms, but as you apprehend that to be impracticable at present, the only measure to be taken is to sort all your Cloth very strictly and reject what is inferiour to the usual Sortments, but keep all the turned out cloth in the Warehouse that in case we should find it absolutely necessary it may be resorted and taken in at an abatement.

The Amount of the deficiencys ℔ Admiral Vernon, Bombay Castle and Chesterfield which you mention in your Letter of the 20 Ulto. must be paid into Cash, and you will advise us when it is done so.

Mr. Hopkins at Deve Cotah has represented to Us that a Cooper is absolutely necessary on that Establishmt. if you can supply him send one as soon as possible.

We are

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Fort St. George
the 25 Sepr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Alexr. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 173.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We approve of your Intentions to dispatch the Kent to Us as soon as the Men and Stores are landed; let it be done as expeditiously as possible and send us what Bales you may have prepared by the first of the three ships Kent, London and Britannia which may be ready.

We cannot see why the Kings Officers should refuse to pay the charge of Boat and Cooley for landing the Stores, however such trifles shall never be a matter of contention therefore pay it, but keep a separate Account of all such charges which may be adjusted hereafter.

We defer replying to your Paragraph in regard to the Kings Forces commanding in Cuddalore as we hope to find some means of Conciliating that Point.

We are

Fort St. George
the 27 Sepr. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends. & Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Alexr. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 174.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

As we find it is without Effect that we press for Information in relation to Mr. St. Pauls Tents, we shall drop the subject for the present to resume it at a more leisure time, but we must observe that there has been a gross imposition tho' we cannot exactly ascertain how much which could not have happened had you done your duty, in strict Justice therefore you should be made accountable, for had Mr. St. Pauls Accounts been properly scrutinized into such an overcharge could not well have escaped you, we suspend our determination, but warn you that in future we shall call upon you to make good any frauds that may be discovered in the Accounts of your settlement after you have passed them as just.

If Mr. Cooke was unacquainted with the Standing Order which makes the Chiefs of every employ answerable for their servants he is the more to blame. he ought, and had opportunitys enough to have known it, be that as it may, it is not in our power to break thro' our Honble Masters positive Commands, and therefore all the Employs at your Settlement as well as those at this Presidency, must be subject to that Order, if Mr. Cooke does not chuse to continue in the management of the Export Warehouse on those terms, we must consider him as unworthy of it, You will on receipt of this require his immediate Answer

and if he declines the Employ we hereby suspend him from the Honble Companys Service, but whether he continues in it or not we insist on his taking the torn and damaged Cloth for his Amount paying the amount of it into Cash.

We shall supply you with what fanams we can procure by the first Opportunity.

The President will write to Admiral Watson in relation to the French Prisoners who are willing to enter in the service, if he will receive them on board his Majestys Ships they may be of service there and we shall be disburthened.

If you can possibly provide Sixteen Corge of blue Salampores ordinary to be sent Us by the first Conveyance give orders for it immediately, we are in want of that quantity for the West Coast therefore unless you can have them ready for Captain Burman whom we shall dispatch very shortly, they will be of no service.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 1ST. OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ALEXR. HERON.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 175.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have Ordered Captain Alphonsus Glover Commander of the Warren to touch at your Port chiefly to give passage to Major Alexander Heron, Captain Charles Campbell Lieutenants Achilles Preston and Rodolph Wagner and Voluntier Michael Burk, by the same Opportunity we send you two Tumbrils which are all we can spare, and you will also receive a Chest containing two thousand Pagodas worth of fanams which we hope will be sufficient to answer your present demands, when these are all landed Capt. Glover has our Orders to make the best of his way to Bombay.

The Bills of Lading for all the Kings Stores by the Warren (except the Ordinance) being in the hands of some of his Majestys Officers at St. David could not be delivered up to Captain Glove when those Stores were transported on board the Britannia you will therefore assist him in procuring them from the proper officer, & in that case he is to deliver you Captain Norways receipt or Bill of Loading.

You may acquaint Lieut. Cudmore that agreable to his request he has our leave to return to Bengal.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7TH. OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 176.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Several Stores by the Warren being landed and the Commander informing us his Ships Company are sufficiently refreshed we shall this day deliver him his dispatches directing him to touch at St. David to land Major Heron and other Officers and then make the best of his way to you.

The Military Recruits from England by the Warren were intended for your Presidency nevertheless our Honble Masters have expressly given Us permission to detain them on this Establishment if our Affairs require it, we are sorry to say they do, and that a much larger number would be acceptable, we have therefore incorporated these with our own Companys.

In our last dated 19th. Sepr. (which went by Pattamar Duplicate whereof is enclosed) we acquainted your Honour &ca. that we could not accept of the services of Sr. James Foulis, we have since reflected that tho' at present we are in no want of Commanders, yet it is prudent to provide against the Worst. and in case of any Accident to Lieut. Col. Lawrence and Major Heron, Sr. James Foulis may be of great service to Us, we have therefore signified to him we should be glad he would continue on this Coast during the time he has permission of Absence from you, which he has consented to.

According to your desire we purchased and delivered to Captain Baron of
P. fa. Ca.
the Winchelsea four Puncheons of Beef amounting to 186–23–37 for which we have debted your Presidency.

The Norfolk Captain Pinson Benham is now under dispatch for Europe and we hope will be ready to sail before the end of the month but we are apprehensive we shall be under a necessity of filling up part of her Charter party Tonnage with Salt Petre for want of Bales, we have but little reason to imagine we shall be more successfull in our Investment against the January dispatch, half a ships Loading is the most we expect to supply, and half a Loading we hope will remain of Surplus pepper at the West Coast, this is but a poor help yet tis all the assistance we can give in dispatching home the Ships on hand, how much Tonnage the Gentlemen at the Bay may provide for we cannot say but at the best there must remain a heavy Burthen behind for after the Norfolks dispatch we reckon no loss than Eleven Ships to be provided for on this

side India Vizt. Colchester, Winchelsea, Egmont, Elizabeth, Montfort, York, Denham, Anson, Kent, London and Britannia, one of which will be stationed at the Negrais, and two of the latter we are directed to dispatch next season to China.

The Several Papers recd. from England by the Warren to be forwarded to you accompany this as well as a List of the Packet to which we refer and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7TH. OCTOBER 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servt.

THOMAS SAUNDERS &CA.
Council.

We return you by this Ship a Deserter from your Artillery Company.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ℔ WARREN.

No. 1 General Letter dated 7th. October 1754.
2 Duplicate Genl. Letter dated 19 Septr. 1754.
3 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the Warren.
4 Copy of the Warrens Charter party.
5 Copy of Captain Glovers Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
6 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the Warren for Fort St. George and Bombay.
7 Copy of the Warrens Victualling Bill.
8 Packet directed to the Hon'ble the President & Council at Bombay ℔ Warren.
9 Patterns of 1 Case of Broad Cloth for Bombay ℔ Warren.

JOSS. DU PRÉ
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. OCTR. 1754.

No. 177.

TO CAPTAIN ALPHONSUS GLOVER
OF SHIP WARREN.

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Ship and proceed directly to Fort St. David where you are to land the several Military Officers you have been ordered to receive on board, you will also deliver to the Deputy Governour and Council there the accompanying Packet directed to them and follow their Orders for landing the Tumbrils & Treasure laden on your Ship and Consigned to them, which being done you are to lose no time to make the best of your way to Bombay and on your Arrival deliver the Accompanying Packet as directed to the Honble the President and Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. GEORGE 7TH. OCTR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS &CA.
COUNCIL.

No. 178.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been disappointed in our intentions of dispatching the Colchester this Month to Europe, we waited for her Arrival from Batavia as long as we thought it prudent and then set about unloading the Norfolk, by the time this was near compleated the Colchester Imported but the Norfolk having then taken in the Salt Petre and prepared every thing to receive the remainder of her Cargo we have judged it most adviseable to dispatch her to Europe and to send the Colchester down to you, and that she may be in no danger of losing her passage we do not even detain her to land the Timber & Plank brought from Batavia but consign the same to your Honour &ca. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed, and this we are the rather induced to do as we observe by your favour of the 1st. September that Article may yield our Hon'ble Masters a Profit with you.

We hope your Honour &ca. will excuse Us for mentioning that we think it would be adviseable to dispatch the Colchester the first Ship directly to Europe because as she has been long in India and this is her last Voyage she may not be so capable of beating round the Cape in a late passage.

When we consider the heavy Tonnage to be disposed of on this side of India it adds greatly to the Concern which the bad success in our Investment occasions we apprehend we shall with difficulty be able to compleat the Norfolks Loading, and half a Ship in January is full as much as we flatter ourselves with the hopes of filling up this we acknowledge will go but a little way towards disburthening our Honble Masters of the Ships to be provided for but yet considering the distracted State of the whole coast we are not disappointed in our Expectations.

The Supra Vizors and Council at Fort Marlbro' acquaint Us that they should have 250 Tons of Surplus Pepper ready in January; tho' we have sundry Stores to send thither which the Prince George (now under dispatch) cannot take in yet as it may occasion some delay should the Ship to be sent thither touch here we are to request your Honour &ca. will dispatch one with so much Tonnage for Europe on board, as with the 250 Tons above mentioned may make up her full charter party Tonnage, directly to Fort Marlbro' as early as possible that her passage round the Cape may not be endangered, by the same Conveyance we are to desire your Honour &ca. will consign to John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council there the Stores we have already indented for to you and expressed to be for their use and also Eight hundred gallons of Lamp Oil in Jarrs if they are procurable because Duppers are subject to great wastage since we desired your Honour &ca. to provide for that market fifty Chests of Ophium. We have reason to believe a larger quantity may be disposed of to advantage and we therefore desire your Honour &ca. will provide Eighty instead of fifty and consign them on the same Ship directly to Marlbro as also two hundred and fifty Barrells of Gunpowder which are much wanted there, the Supra Vizors & Council write Us that they can be supplied with Grain much cheaper from Batavia than from hence or the Bay, we therefore apprehend it will not answer to fill up the remaining Tonnage with that Article.

Your Honour &ca. acquaint Us that you had given publick notice of our having prohibited the Trade in piece Goods to Bencoolen as well as Ophium to Natall, by which we apprehend our meaning is misunderstood with respect to both, the Importation of which is prohibited at all the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra, except as to the Piece Goods such as may be manifested from hence, and as to the Ophium such as we shall consign on the Companys Account.

As our Honble Masters have directed that in case we cannot dispatch home the Kent, London and Britannia this Season one or two of them are to be sent to China We propose dispatching one of them with a Cargo of Salt and other Stores from this place to the West Coast with Orders to proceed from thence to Canton and to be returned by the Supra Cargo's there directly to Europe, we have already proposed to your Honour &c^{a}. the returning those three Ships to Us in January with Grain if you cannot better dispose of them, we have only to add that we shall depend on having one and shall provide a Cargo of Salt accordingly.

As your Honour &c^{a}. advise Us you have a large Ballance of Gunpowder in Store, we should not be over stocked if you were to supply us with One thousand Barrells provided it be good, and you have that quantity over and above your own proper store.

By this Conveyance (the Colchester) your Honour &c^{a}. will receive the Box Packet from our Honble Masters for your Presidency, we have been obliged to open it in order to take out the Norfolks Charterparty after which it was immediately sealed up again, the Necessity for this Step will speak for itself.

We have delivered to Captain Mainwaring seperately another Packet for the President of Fort William which we received from Captain Bonham directed to be destroyed in case of danger.

We have advanced Captain Mainwaring at different times Ten thousand five hundred Pagodas on charterparty Terms for the use of the Colchester and three thousand Pagodas for which we have taken from him a Sett of Bills of Exchange on his Owners, we mention this that your Honour &c^{a}. may be apprized of the risque our Honble Masters already have on that Bottom.

The Kent will be dispatched in a day or two with part of the Norfolks Cargo, the rest shall be consigned you on the London & Britannia as soon as it can be put on board.

The Coral and other private Consignments ℔ Norfolk are shipped on the Colchester as by the Manifest and Bills of Lading enclosed.

We have received your favour by the Cuddalore and Ganges, the Box Packet for our Honble Masters by the former shall be forwarded ℔ Norfolk the other by the Ship to be dispatched in January.

Your Presidency shall have due Credit for the Amount of what supplied the Cuddalore Sloop.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12 OCT^{R}. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS &C^{A}
Council.

P.S.—We have promised Capt. Bonham to request of your Honour &c^{a}. that on delivery of the several private Consignm^{ts}. brought in the Norfolk & forwarded by the Colchester his Bills of Lading may be given up to you. Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to demand the amount of the charges in transporting the private Consignm^{ts}. from the Norfolk to the Colchester as ℔ Bill.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ COLCHESTER.

Nº. 1 General Letter dated the 12 October 1754.
2 Invoice of Timber and Plank.
3 Bill of Loading for Dº.
4 Manifest of private Consignments transported from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
5 Bill of Loading for Dº.
6 Account Charges in transporting the private Consignments from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
7 Packet directed to the President of Fort William to be destroyed in case of danger ℔ Norfolk.
8 Box Packet from England ℔ Norfolk directed to the President & Council of Fort William.

These two delivered separately.

JOSS. DU PRÉ'
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
12TH. OCTR. 1754.

Nº. 179.

TO CAPTAIN ROGER MAINWARING
OF SHIP COLCHESTER.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal herewith you will receive a packet directed to the President and Council there ℔ Norfolk and a Letter for the Governour of Fort William directed to be destroyed in case of the Ship should be in danger of being taken by an Enemy, both which with the enclosed letter for the President and Council of Fort William you will deliver of your Arrival there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. GEORGE the 12 October 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Nº. 180.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressd you yesterday by the Colchester and now enclose a Duplicate with Invoice and Bill of Lading of such part of the Norfolks Cargo as has been put on board the Kent, the remainder shall be forwarded ℔ London and Britannia.

To save the trouble and Inconvenience of landing the Lead and Iron consigned to Us on the Kent we have continued it on board in part of what was consigned to you by the Norfolk, which may occasion a difference in the Tale of Barrs and Slabbs tho' the Weight may answer.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 13 OCTOBER 1754.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN SMITH.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ KENT.

No. 1 General Letter dated 13 October 1753.
2 Duplicate Do. dated 12 Do.
3 Invoice of such part of the Norfolk Cargo as is transported on board the Kent for Bengal.
4 Bill of Loading of Do.
these to be sent with the ship if she should be returned to the Coast.
5 Copy of the Kents Charterparty.
6 Copy of Capt. Wilsons Commission to unlicensed persons.
7 Copy of the Kent's Victualling Bill.
8 Manifest of Goods licensed to be shipped in England on the Kent by the Commander & Officers for Coast & Bay.
9 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander and Officers of the Kent.
10 Packet directed to the President & Council of Fort William ℔ Kent.

JOS. DU PRE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13 OCTOBER 1754.

No. 181.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE WILSON
OF SHIP KENT.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying packet to the President and Council there whose orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. GEORGE the 13 OCTOBER 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

N°. 182.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A few days ago we dispatched the Colchester and Kent to you with part of the Norfolks Loading, & proposed to have sent you the remainder by the London and Britannia but the season growing late a detention of those ships might hazard their passage we therefore rather chuse to dispatch them without, and shall by some future Convevance send you what remains of the Norfolks Cargo, for the same reason we have not landed the Lead intended for us on the Ship Britannia but consign it to your Honour &c^a^. as ℔ Invoice enclosed.

Fort St. George
the 16 October 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Will^M^. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha^s^. Bourchier.

List of the packet to Bengal ℔ Britannia.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 16 October 1754.
2 Duplicate D°. 13 D°. ℔ Kent.
3 Invoice of Lead consigned to Bengal ℔ Britannia.
4 Bill of Loading of D°.
5 Abstract of the Kents Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for D°.
7 Duplicate of the Colchesters Invoice for Bengal.
8 Second Bill of Loading for D°.
9 Duplicate Manifest of Coral and private Consignments transported from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
10 Second Bill of Loading for D°.
11 Duplicate Account Charges in transporting Coral &c^a^. from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
12 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort S^t^. George by the Commander and Officers of the Britannia.
13 Copy of the Britannia's Charterparty, to be returned with the Ship, if she should be sent back to the Coast.
16 Copy of Captain Norways Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
17 Companys Indulgence.
19 Manifest of licensed private Trade.
20 Copy of Britannia's victualling Bill.

Jos.^s^. Du Pré'
Secry.

Fort St. George
16 October 1754.

No. 183.

To Captain Nevell Norway
of Ship Britannia.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there whose Orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George 16 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 184.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &ca. will receive this by our Honble Masters Ship London on which we have consigned you the Iron and Lead intended for us by that ship as the season grows late and it may be hazardous to keep the ship to land it, the accompanying Invoice will shew what part of the Norfolk's Cargo we have laden on this Ship and the enclosed Duplicate will inform your Honour &ca. of our reasons for detaining the remainder at present.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 17 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

We are under a necessity of detaining 3 Casks containing Six Drums consigned to you by the Norfolk.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL & LONDON.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 17 October 1754.
2 Duplicate D°. 16 D°. & Britannia.
3 Invoice of Sundries consigned to Bengal & London.
4 Bill of Lading of D°.
5 Duplicate of the Britannia's Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for D°.
7 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort S^t^. George by the Commander and Officers of the London.
15 Copy of the London's Charterparty.
16 Copy of Captain Alwrights Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
17 Companys Indulgence.
18 Manifest of private Trade licensed & London.
19 Copy of the London Victualling Bill.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
17 OCTOBER 1754.

JOS DU PRÉ'
Secry.

N°. 185.

TO CAPTAIN RICHARD ALWRIGHT
OF SHIP LONDON.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there whose orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT S^T^. GEORGE the 17 OCT^R^. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
WILL^M^. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S^. BOURCHIER.

N°. 186.

TO CHARLES ROBERT GODEHEU ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF
PONDICHERRY & TO THE
GENTLEMEN OF THE
COUNCIL THERE.

GENTLEMEN

The Officer and Men you mention in the Letter you did Us the Honour to write Us the 2^d^. Instant arrived here a few days ago with the Boat in which they made their escape, we are entirely of your Opinion that to encourage such Actions must tend to the Prejudice of our Ships as well as yours, but you must be very sensible Gentlemen that it is not usual to refuse protection to strangers who request it, these people have taken Refuge under our Flag, and therefore

it is not in our power consistently with Honour to deliver them up, indeed we cannot at present for they are gone to Bengal, but the Boat which we have secured shall be returned to whomsoever you may appoint to receive it.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 17 OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble & most Obedt. Servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 187.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your several Letters the last dated the 14 Instant.

After you had been so frequently acquainted of our Apprehensions that we should be distressed for Bales to compleat the Norfolk Tonnage, we cannot help being surprized that you should send us the Kent London & Britannia without any and write for our directions whether the Cloth should be sent us up brown, You will find by our Letters of the 18th. 23d. & 27th. Ultimo that we directed you to send by these Ships all the Bales you had ready without mentioning either brown or white but supposing we had given no directions at all the worst that could have happened by your sending Us your brown cloth would have been the curing it here in case it had not been wanted for the Norfolk, you have let the opportunity slip and now it is too late.

If Mr. Cooke will give Security to abide by the Company's determination we will comply with his request and refer the difference to their decision, and in that case the torn and damaged cloth shall be delivered to his Attorney on paying down the sum at which it shall be appraised or the whole shall be sold at Outcry for Mr. Cooke's Account, but if he should refuse to give such security you are then to demand of him payment of the full amount of the cloth as it stands charged to the Company.

We have appointed Mr. Charles Turner to supply the place in your Council which is to come vacant by the Suspension of Mr. Cooke you will appoint the most proper person to take charge of the Warehouses, Mr. Turner will proceed to you by the very first opportunity.

All your turned out Cloth must be kept in the warehouse as we before directed untill we are certain of a sufficient quantity of the proper sortments for the January dispatch.

By all means supply Captain Hislop with the Gunnies necessary to Shelter the people from the Inclemency of the weather, as to the Hospital, you did right in not granting one in Tenepatam, we see no reason why the sick may not be as well accommodated at Cuddalore and therefore you will give proper Orders for their reception there.

You have not yet sent us your Account Quick Stock, dispatch it to Us immediately.

We enclose you ten Dusticks and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
18 OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 188.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatched the Warren to you the 7th. Instant a Duplicate of our Address is enclosed, since when we have received the accompanying Packet from the Gentn. at Tellichery with a Letter dated the 29 June both which came to Us by a vessell from Deve Cotah, so that we cannot say by what accident they have been kept so long on the road.

Messrs. Walter, Collison and Nelly Supra Cargos at Mocha have drawn on Us for 24000 Spanish Dollrs. on the Honble Companys Account, which they say they were obliged to do because they could not meet with merchants whom it suited to take their Bills on you, Captain Finley of the Shirley advanced them that sum and we have duely honoured their draft, if an Opportunity should offer we shall draw on you for the amount.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18 OCTOBER 1754.

No. 189.

To the Worshipfull John Pybus Esq^r^.
Supra Vizor &c^a^. Council at
Fort Marlbro'.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Para. 1. By the Prince George, Prince Edward and Orange Tree Sloop we have reced Letters from the Supravizors and Council dated 12 Febry. 12 May, and 6 August and from the Supravizors, Seperate Advices dated the 12 Febry, 13 May and 6 August, containing a Summary of their Transactions and a state of the Companys Affairs under your Management on all which we shall now give you our Sentiments & directions with such other Advices as are proper for your future Conduct.

First concerning Shipping.

2. Our Honble Masters Ship Prince George Captain Edward Burman is now under dispatch to you with the several Consignments particularized in the Invoice We would have her returned to Us with all possible dispatch as we intend she shall make a second Trip to you, which if you are expeditious in unloading her and no unforeseen Accid^t^. should happen may very Easily be effected in good time for her to be back here again, proceed to the Bay to refit if necessary and return to receive our dispatches next October.

3. The late dispatch of the Dragon has been attended with the loss of her passage round the Cape, she was spoke with at Madagascar by one of the Ships arrived here from Europe, we plainly perceive that this will generally be the consequence if the ship destined to take in your Surplus Pepper should touch here in her way from the Bay for our Advices, to avoid that Hazard we have therefore wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to dispatch a Ship to you directly as early as possible that her passage home may not be endanger'd.

4. We have also desired them to send up a Ship early in January which we intend to dispatch to you with a Cargo of Salt, and then to proceed to Canton.

5. The Plan proposed by the Supravizors to the Court of Directors of sending a Ship to arrive with Us in March and to be dispatched directly from hence so as to be with you by the End of September to take in your Surplus Pepper might answer very well upon a supposition that we were in a Condition to put so much Tonnage on board there as with your Surplus might compleat her Charterparty Tonnage but that we neither are nor have any prospect of being able to effect during the Troubles on this Coast, as the Ship we fill up in January or February constantly clears our warehouses; the method we have now fallen on of sending you a Ship directly from the Bay in Decem^r^. or early in January will answer full as well provided she meet with no unusual delays on your Coast.

6. The Want of proper vessells or the Ill management of those you have must constantly lay you under great difficulties in transporting the pepper from the Subordinacys to Marlbro, the Ship from Europe may therefore continue to make her Trip to the Northward to take in the Pepper at Laye, Bental, Priamong, Ippoe and Moco Moco, return to Marlbro, receive what may be ready there, then to proceed to Manna Cawoor or Croee and be dispatched from thence to Europe.

7. We concur in opinion with the Supravizors that two Vessells of about fifty Tons and two or three Long boats may be serviceable if properly managed for bringing up pepper at other Seasons supplying the Subordinates with Stores &c^a^. and as we observe that one of your sloops is much out of Repair we shall endeavour to procure and send you one in her room as well as the Long boats but the Intent of supplying you with these Vessells will be in a great measure frustrated unless proper care be taken to keep them in good order and repair.

this we apprehend may be very well done at Marlbro when you are supplied with Timber and Plank from Batavia and Naval Stores from hence, the Unhealthyness of Poolo renders that place improper, and Billingbing is too much exposed, so that notwithstanding these places in respect to the commodiousness of the Harbours have greatly the Advantage of Marlbro upon the whole we think the latter has the preference, and when any such material repairs are necessary, as cannot be done there the vessells may then be sent to Batavia, but it will rest with you to see that such repairs are really wanted, and that the vessells are not sent to Batavia under pretence of repairing when the private Advantage of the Masters may be the point in View, they should constantly give receipts for all stores they are supplied with and account for all Deficiencys once in six months.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

8. You will receive the Prince George a part only of the several Stores you have indented for, The Taffities, Chints Calcutta, Gunney Bags, Oyl, Ophium and two hundred and fifty Barrells of Gunpowder, we have requested the Gent^{n}. at Bengal to consign to you on the Ship to be dispatched from thence for your Surplus pepper, such of the other stores for (which we hope will be the greatest part) as can be procured against January we shall forward to you on the ship we propose dispatching from hence.

9. Though you have Indented but for fifty Chests of Patna Ophium we desired the Gentlemen at the Bay to send you Eighty which we don't doubt will find an advantagious Sale.

10. The Bamboo Measure you sent Us having been tried with our Standard Measure we find that fourteen and an half Bamboo's make exactly one Parra. of 5 Mercalls and Eighty Paras being one Garce consequently eleven hundred and Sixty (1160) Bamboo's make one Garce, you will adjust the deficiency with Captain Burman (should any happen) agreable to this Calculation allowing him as is usual six ℔ Cent for unavoidable wastage.

11. The Iron now consigned to you and that we shall send in January is not in such Barrs as you mention, we have none of the kind but shall Indent to Europe particularly for a quantity to supply you with for the Trade to Natal.

12. As You have a plentifull Stock of Grain on hand and you acquaint Us you can procure it at a cheaper rate from Batavia than what it costs in these parts we have not desired the Gentlemen at the Bay to send you any by the Ship for your Surplus pepper and in future we shall be guided by your Advices whether or not to send you any supplies of Grain, you will therefore constantly acquaint Us at what rates that Article is procurable at Batavia that in case of a Scarcity there we may provide accordingly.

13. An Annual Supply of Timber & Plank may be brought to you from Batavia in the Store Ship sufficient we imagine to answer all your purposes unless it should be resolved to set about the New Buildings represented to be necessary; when the proper Means of procuring materials will also come under Consideration.

14. Our demand for Madeira Wine this season has been so large for the Army that we have not any remaining. We shall in future readily supply you when any can be spared.

15. The quantity of Salt we shall send you in January with what you will receive by the Prince George may probably exceed what you may write for; but as it is an Article much in demand we do not conceive it will be any burthen, be very particular in your Advices in this head.

16. Our Mint has been so much engaged in coining the Treasure from Europe for Begnal that we have not been able to set about the Coining of Fanams or Copper Cash but we hope by the January Ship to send you a supply.

17. The Musters of Arrack you sent us have been sold at Outcry and produced 36 Pagodas ℔ Leager whatever quantity of that Article and Sugar you have received from the Undertakers of those works may be consigned to Us by the Prince George.

18. Agreable to your request we send you twenty Coffree Men Slaves, the training them up as Artificers is what we much approve and strongly recommend as they may by that means become very Usefull in carrying on the buildings and works which must necessarily be erected at your Settlement.

19. We have paid the Owners of the Prince Edward Two hundred and thirty five Pagodas thirty two fanams & two cash for the three hundred Timbers which you landed from that ship you will therefore credit Account Current Fort S^{t}. George for that Sum, and we shall debt you accordingly.

20. The Supravizors in their Letter of the 12th. February tell Us you have 25 or 30 large Maracooley Timbers of 30 Feet long and 12 Inches Square which are particularly proper for Piles by not admitting the worm, As you will be in want of such Timbers when your Buildings are taken in hand we think you will do best to keep them.

21. In Garbling the pepper there appears to be a quantity of it seperated which is represented to be light and not fit to be sent to Europe, we don't find that it is any where accounted for, if it cannot be better disposed of let it be sent hither on the Companys Account, in your next Advices Explain this Affair to Us.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

22. The first remark that occurs to Us under this head is that the decline of the Investment to the great Loss of the Company hath manifestly arisen from the want of Annual Surveys by Covenanted Servants, Moco Moco, Bantal & Ippoe are the only Districts that have their due Number of Vines, Cattown, Tallo, Croe are greatly deficient, and Laye, Sillebar & Marlbro districts seem to have been totally neglected, we cannot therefore too strongly insist on Annual Surveys being taken by Covenanted Servants, and upon those Surveys wherever it appears that the Inhabitants have been negligent the Dupattaies of the Dosoons should feel the Effects of a severe resentment, and on the other hand those who perform their Contracts should be rewarded and encouraged, a few presents on such Occasions bestowed on the most deserving may have a good Effect, by strictly adhering to these Rules it seems more than probable to Us the Investment may in due time be near doubled and as this must in a great measure depend on the Vigilance of the several Residents and those who make the Surveys you must observe annually to send Us the several Reports of them with a particular State of the Vines, their Increase or decrease since the last surveys and the cause thereof our Observations thereon we shall transmit to our Honble Masters and shall not fail therein to recommend to their favourable Notice such of their Servants who by their prudent management of the Districts committed to their Charge shall have made the greatest Progress in the Investment, the fatigue attending these Surveys we are sensible must be great, and certainly ought to be alleviated as much as possible, by the Assistance of one or more if necessary of the Military and a reasonable Allowance should be made for the charges attending it.

23. The receiving of pepper at the Subordinates only at stipulated time, was certainly a great discouragem^{t}. to the Planters, the Orders made by the Supravizors, that the Residents be always ready to receive whatever quantitys the Planters may bring in is very proper & must be strictly observed, the planters must be paid in ready money and strict Justice done them in the weighs. and garbling the pepper.

24. The Supra Vizors Observations is very just that no certain time can be fixed for the renewal of Vines at all places alike, the situation and soil will doubtless bring some to Maturity much Sooner in one place than another it should therefore be recommended to the several Residents & those who take the Surveys to observe and be particular in their reports as to the growth of the Vines, and the Inhabitants should be obliged to renew them whenever there is a real occasion.

25. The more numerous the Inhabitants become the greater will be the prospect of an Increase in the Investment, we take due notice of the Supravizors observation that their [*sic*] are many Clans of Industrious people inhabiting the hills at the backs of all the Residencys, who by proper encouragement might be brought to settle on the Coast; We strongly recommend it to you to effect this if possible, a well timed liberallity may be a powerfull Inducement, the Example of a few properly encouraged and protected from the Tyrannical disposition of the Pangarans may tempt others to partake of the like benefits therefore you should have a watchfull Eye over the first who may accept the Invitation to settle with you.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

26. We are the rather induced to flatter ourselves, the prudent Steps taken by the Supravizors for restoring the Investment will be attended with Success as the whole Country is at present in profound peace, to keep it so requires your Serious Attention, the troubles which it is apprehended may arise on the Sultan of Moco Moco's death, by a Competition of his Sons for the Government may probably be prevented by a timely interposition before the Spirit of War and Commotion shews itself on either Side.

27. The Sultan of Manam Caboo being the Prince of the Several Countries wherein the Companys Settlements are Situated, a friendly Correspondence should be kept up and a Good Understanding cultivated with him, if you are not possessed of proper Grants for the several Settlements watch a proper opportunity to solicit and obtain them from him.

28. The General & Council of Batavia not having returned any Answer before your last dispatches to the Supravizors Letter we are not sufficiently informed of the particulars of their claims to give a determinate Opinion thus far we can say that if the Dutch should not bring more substantial Proofs of their Right than those already offered we think our Claim and pretensions just and they are therefore in such case to be supported.

29. But though our Right to Natal should be ever so just and incontestable, yet the Conduct of the late Deputy Governour and Council is highly inexcuseable in daring under a specious pretence of extending the Companys Limits & encreasing their pepper Investment; to occupy this place at a great Expence purely to serve their private Interest & Support a Trade for private Emolument at their Masters Cost, this is very evidently the Case, since it has been more than once acknowledged that very little pepper is or can be procured there, indeed we are now told, and the Supravizors confirm it, that a Considerable Advantage may arise to the Company by reserving to themselves an exclusive Right to the Trade or Iron Salt and Ophium and levying a Custom on piece Goods Imported there, the Affair is now gone too far to be retracted, and therefore the Settlement must be continued. We shall endeavour constantly to supply you with the aforementioned Articles on the Companys Account, and on piece goods imported there by the Companys Servants (to whom alone the Trade in such Goods is reserved) a Duty must be levied of five ℘ Cent unless that Duty should have been paid before at Marlbro.

30. It has been thought that in order to encourage the Ophium Trade at Natal and exclude Foreigners from the Advantage of it, the most effectual means would be to vend the Companys there at an Advance of 50 ℘ Cent only on the

prime Cost, the reasons offered in support of this proposal are not of sufficient weight to Ballance those against it, the bad use that might be made of such a limitation is too obvious to need a remark, we can make this Regulation whenever we experience it to be necessary, but till we find it so we julge it best to sell the Companys Ophium for the most it will fetch; As the success of this Scheme will depend greatly on the faithfull Execution of it, your greatest Attention is requisite to see that the Companys property be not made subservient to private gain, at the same time we must observe that the benefits which may arise to private Traders by this Settlement we are of Opinion will have due weight with our Honble Masters in determining them to continue it provided it be made appear that the Advantages to be gained by the Company are equal to the Charge and Hazard of the Undertaking.

31. We have advised the Gentlemen at Bengal that the Importation of piece Goods at the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra is prohibited except such as may be manifested here and consigned to the Companys Servants there, and that the Trade in Ophium is entirely reserv'd to the Company, on receipt of this you will therefore give publick Notice at Marlbro and all the Subordinates that all piece Goods not Manifested shall be liable to Seizure and Confiscation, and that whosoever shall be detected in vending Ophium Iron or Salt (which are reserved to the Company) if a Covenanted Servant he shall be immediately suspended from the Service and if a person in the Seafaring or any other way he shall be deprived of his Employs & excluded from the priviledge of the Companys protection, which notice you are to execute with Rigour.

32. We shall remonstrate to the King of Acheen the Villany and barbarity of the people at Sinhell, and give him to understand that unless we are treated with that Friendship he professes, and that security to the persons and Effects of our Traders be assured in his Ports, we shall not be at a Loss to do ourselves ample Justice.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

33. We observe with Concern the decayed state of the Buildings at Marlbro' as well as the Several Subordinates, the restoring these or erecting New, is a work of such Consequence that we do not think it adviseable to proceed in it without the directions of our Honble Masters, We shall therefore referr it to them, and till we receive their Orders no new Buildings are to be undertaken but as there appears an absolute necessity for some temporary repairs such as cannot well be deferred may be made amongst which proper accommodations for the Companys Servants Civil and Military and the Storehouses seem unavoidable.

34. Instead of the rates of Dutys settled by the Supravizors we are of Opinion it would be better to put the Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra on the same footing as at this place from the receipt of this Letter you will therefore observe as a fixed regulation and give proper notice accordingly that all Goods and Merchandize of what nature or kind soever (except only provisions & Necessarys for apparel imported by the Storeship which are exempt from any Tax) are to pay a Duty of five ℔ Cent on Importation which duty is to be computed upon the price Current of the several species of Merchandize at Marlbro that all Goods not manifested from this place or from one of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast to another be liable to Seizure and Confiscation two thirds thereof to the Use of the Company and one third to the person who shall detect any Goods clandestinely landed, that when any goods so manifested and imported shall be again exported they are to be manifested and a Certificate shall be granted by the proper Officer that such Goods have already paid the Companys Duty of 5 ℔ Cent which Manifest & Certificate shall exempt them from any further Duty at the Settlement where they may be landed.

35. The Supra Vizors remark that the Importation of Buggness, Java and such like Cloating had long been prohibited, but they are not able to trace from whence that prohibition took its rise, however they revoked it and substituted a duty of 15 ℔ Cent in Lieu which may be continued and you must advise Us whether any very considerable quantitys are imported under this new Regulation and how far it may affect the Trade in piece Goods from hence.

36. You represent the Arrack & Sugar Works to be in a flourishing Condition and with proper encouragement and Support may become very considerable we could wish you had extended your Observations and enquired a little further and informed Us what are the Advantages that our Honble Masters may probably reap from this Undertaking should it meet with the Success that may be reasonably expected the Managers will doubtless be amply rewarded for their Industry by the gain that must arise on the sale of their Manufacture, whilst the whole risque in bringing it to perfection is the Companys, by the Advances of cash that have and are proposed to be made for which they receive an Interest of ten ℔ Cent and are paid off in Arrack & Sugar, those Articles are generally sold at Batavia the former from forty to forty five Rix Dollars ℔ Leager of 150 Gallons, the latter at four and a half to five Rix Dollars ℔ Pecul at Marlbro' the Arrack is Invoiced at Sixty Spanish Dollars ℔ Leager of 160 Gallons and Sugar @ 5 ℔ pecul the Medium prices of these Articles here may be reckoned from 35 to 40 Pagodas ℔ Leager of Arrack, and from 13 to 15 Pagod^{s}. ℔ Candy of Sugar the profits arising from these Sales do not seem adiquate to the risque of the undertaking, let this be a subject for your future enquiry and give Us your sentiments minutely on this manufacture with respect to the Advantages that may accrue to the Company, the gain that may arise to the Undertaker and the benefits to the Settlement in general, in the mean time on the representation of the Supravizors we are for giving the work all the encouragement & therefore if you apprehend the Interest of ten ℔ Cent with which their debt is charged too heavy a Burthen for the Undertakers to bear it may be reduced to five, but then we expect you, will make it plainly appear the Company can be no losers; and that we may the better be enabled to Judge of the progress made in these works an Annual Account should be sent Us of the produce and an Account Current between the Company and the Contractors.

Sixthly of Factors, Writers Military Officers and their Accounts.

37. How far Mr. Hindleys Transactions with M^{r}. Hurlock may be construed a pecuniary Consideration we shall not now determine, but as M^{r}. Hindleys bad circumstances are alone sufficient to disqualify him for so weighty a charge as that of Government we approve of his dismission from the service, however as it does not appear to Us that he has been realy guilty of any intentional fraud in the management of the Companys Affairs, tho' most of the Abuses & Neglects that in his time have crept in may be charged on his remissness, and as he is become destitute of support by the surrender of his Affairs into the hands of Trustees we confirm the Allow^{ce}. made him of fifty Dollars ℔ Month untill our Honble Masters pleasure be known.

38. Tho' M^{r}. Coombe's Conduct in regard to the Contract between M^{r}. Hindley and M^{r}. Hurlock may justly expose him to Censure in his private character yet when considered as a Transaction regarding the publick it was his duty to acquaint the Company of it, it would indeed have been more conformable to their Orders had he immediately disclosed, it the Contract would then probably have been dropp'd and many personal reflections and Animosities avoided and therefore he seems so far blameable.

39. We think it highly necessary that the regulations made by the Supra Vizors should be carried into execution under the Eye of one of them at least and we do therefore confirm John Pybus Esq^{r}. in that Station and till our Honble Masters directions be received, in regard to their Servants on the West

Coast, Mr. Combes's good Services and pretentions to the Succession will doubtless have due weight with them and it is therefore needless for Us to say anything on that subject.

40. Mr. Masseys Conduct was certainly highly blameable and we approve of the Supravizors confirming his Dismission, tho' precedent cannot be pleaded in excuse it may be admitted in some Cases as an Aleviation and particularly so in Mr. Masseys, who having delivered over his Effects to Trustees, to make good his deficiencys, an Allowce. of 30 Dollars ℔ Month for his present Support untill the Companys directions be received, is not unreasonable.

41. Mr. Daniel Tottie has presented to Us a Complaint of great Injustice done him in the Appointment of Mr. Darvall to the Residency of Manna, we do not find any objections made to Mr. Totties behaviour or Capacity but the chief reason for superceeding him seems to have been that Mr. Darvall had been before Assistant to the Resident the same reason then as Mr. Tottie observes might have supported his claim had he made one to the Residency of Moco Moco, but what surprizes Us still more is that when Mr. Darvalls Services were necessary at Marlbro to conduct the Secretarys employ upon an Emergency, he was at the same time continued in the Residency at Manna, Stations that cannot possibly be executed by one person since both require a Constant Attendance on the Spot. Mr. Tottie has since been admitted to a Seat at the Board, which is a Tacit acknowledgment that there are no Objections against him and therefore we cannot avoid condemning the proceedings with respect to that Gentlemen, we do not lay down this principle as a rule not to be broken, particular Merit and Capacity ought on some Occasions to be preferr'd but as Superiour Stations should in general be the reward of long services we shall expect that very just reaons be given for any deviation, for if partiallity be suffered to take place, what Security or Encouragement has Merit or Length of Service; on receipt of this you will therefore do Justice to Mr. Tottie or Assign better reasons than those already given.

42. As Captain Lieutenant Gabbet acted by Order of his superiours it would be a great hardship to make him refund the pay he received by their Authority it is not therefore to be demanded of him and we are so well satisfied with his behaviour that if our Honble Masters had not Ordered an Officer from St. Helena to fill the Vacancy we should think him entitled to it.

43. Jesiah Smith whom you tell Us you kept in prison being charged with the Murder of a Coffree Woman, must be sent to England.

44. We observe the Supra Vizors have appointed a Court under the denomination of a Court of Justice, consisting of the members of the Council or any three of them who are to decide all cases of property under the sum of two hundred Dollars leaving a Liberty of Appeal to the Deputy Governour and Council from the Judgement of that Court in Causes above fifty Dollars, this Court is also invested with a power to inflict punishments for petty Crimes & Misdemeanours, upon all which we must remark, that the erecting a Court of Judicature is of so serious a nature that without a legal Authority it ought not to be attempted, and it is very certain that neither you nor we have any; this New Court must therefore on receipt of this be abolished, but as it is necessary some means should be thought of to maintain good Order in the Community and to adjust disputes relating to property this power had better be lodged with the Supra Vizor or Deputy Governour and Council who in that Capacity may hear and determine petty crimes & inflict punishments, and in regard to property, the decision of such disputes between Europeans may be recommended to Arbitrators, and between the Natives, three of the head Men may be joined with the Supra Vizor or Deputy Governour and Council observing that in all Cases where Europeans may be concerned the English Laws are to be strictly adhered to.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

45. The manner in which the Treasure from Europe appears to have been brought to Account is a glaring instance of the Negligence and irregularity which prevail'd at Marlbro', in future the Treasure should be counted in the presence of the Deputy Governour and Council and mention made in the Minutes of Consultation that it is done so.

46. The Supra Vizors did very right in ordering the deficiency of Copper Cash to be made good by the board. We observe the whole was not paid in care must be taken to collect it, and in future the Copper Cash must be put under the Charge of the Warehousekeeper a Head should be opened in his books for that purpose & Credited monthly for what delivered out as sold.

47. In the Sett of Consultations you have sent Us, the Cash Accounts for April May, June & July are not entered, a neglect that it is proper you should be made sensible of.

48. It appears that a Custom has prevailed of selling the Companys Stores to Inhabitants and others at so large an advance as forty ℔ Cent on the Companys price the Supra Vizors rightly judging this practice unjustifiable obliged Messrs. Gunn, Tottie & Idell to repay into Cash on that Account ℔ 391–1–96 but tho' it is equally evident that Mr. Combes has dealt largely that way no demand was made on him which seems very extraordinary for he has nothing more to say in his justification than the other Gentlemen, to wit that he bought them on his own Account and sold them in the same manner to the Native, we cannot perceive the equity in excusing one more than another and therefore Mr. Combes's Account must be adjusted in the same manner as the others, we must further remark that if the Storekeeper knowing the Company to be in want of any Articles buys them upon his own Account in order to sell them to the Company at an advanced price, & on the other hand if when he perceives any Articles in the Company's Storehouse are in demand to take them out in his own name in order to sell them at an advanced price leaving those that are likely to lay on hand, all this we say is a palpable abuse of the Companys Indulgence to their Servants to take out of the Storehouse at a moderate price what they may want for their own use.

49. In regard to the several deficiencys they appear to have been of so long standing, & so complicated that even the Supravizors could not trace them accurately and if they on the spot were at this difficulty 'tis impossible for us to determine on the Equity of their Orders in this respect, our Honble Masters with whom the final decision lies will give their directions on that head, one thing however is worthy remark, it is allowed by all that Mr. Henry Coales was an honest assiduous Man and that the remains were not taken till 6 Months after his death consequently the Storehouse must have been in other hands for that time it therefore seems unjust to charge his Estate with any deficiency, but after it had been determined to charge it, we could have wished the compulsive means used to force a Bond out of the hands of his Executors had been omitted, it would have been better had the demand made on those Gentlemen and their refusal been submitted to our Honble Masters, the case shall be referred to them and therefore the Bond must be returned to Mr. Coales's Executors.

50. The Reduction of Expences appears very considerable but above half of it comes under the head of Charges Garrison and Country Guard, the Garrisons at Marlborough Moco Moco, Manna and Natal appear full small for such an extent of Country, the Malays are remarkable for Treachery, we cannot therefore by any means think it adviseable under a notion of saving to expose those Settlements to any danger, and when it is considered that there are now but 29 Compys. Servants and the Supra Vizors represent 42 to be necessary the reduction in Expences upon the whole is for the greatest part only temporary. we would certainly on all occasions recommend economy and the lessening of

Expences but at the same time we must observe that the principal object should be the Increase of the Investment, which it is generally allowed might with proper management be at least doubled, the Advantages of such an Increase would give an ample Compensation for the Necessary Charges attending it.

51. A List of Adjustments shall be sent you in January.

SUPPLEMENT.

52. We must in Justice to the Supra Vizors acknowledge that they have gone through the Business of their Charge with spirit and Jugdement and in general to our satisfaction, but still the path is only marked out and it remains with you to see the several Regulations that have been made carried into Execution, we could have wished it had been possible for one of the Supra Vizors to have visited the several Subordinates, it would have given them a clear and extensive knowledge of what they have now only from Report it is a work that still continues necessary and we recommend it to Mr. Pybus when he can be spared from Marlbro' to visit such of them as his other Avocations will admit of.

53. We at first intended to have dispatched the Prince George directly to you but when we considered that by delivering the Salt at Natal the Charge & difficulty of transporting it thither from Marlbro will be saved we have ordered Captain Burman to touch first at Natal for that purpose and then proceed directly to you.

54. Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart having purchased a Parcell of Ophium for the West Coast before the prohibition was made public we have permitted them to consign it to their Correspondents as appears by the Manifest.

55. We have reimbursed Captain Burman the Charges of repairing the Marlbro Hoy at Batavia amounting to ℔ 355–23 or Pagodas 236 25 30 for which sum you will credit account Current Fort St. George.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 21ST. OCTR. 1754.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
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WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCE GEORGE CAPTAIN EDWARD BURMAN FOR FORT MARLBRO' BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

Marks and Numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
			By ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR. for MR. ROBT. SLOPER consign'd to MessrS. John Pybus and Roger Carter.								
P.C. No. 1 @ 30.	30	—	Containing VIZT.								
			Long Cloth Ordinary white.	16	10	521	—	—			
			Do. Blue 1/2 & 1/4 pieces	30	—	416	—	—			
			Sallampores Blue	20	—	430	—	—			
			Ditto White	20	—	330	—	—			
			Moorees Blue	4	—	120	—	—			
			Do. White	2	—	54	—	—			
			Handcherchiefs	6	—	156	—	—			
			Ditto Masulupatam ..	20	—	170	—	—			
			Cambays	10	—	155	—	—			
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces	15	—	300	—	—			
—	—	30	Bales amounting to ..	—	—	—	—	—	2,652	—	—
RC			By CHAS. BOURCHIER ESQR. Consign'd to Mr. ROGER CARTER.								
No. 1 @ 11.	11	—	Long Cloth white	16	10	544	18	—			
			Long Cloth Blue 1st. Sort.	8	—	176	—	—			
14	1	—	Sallampores Blue	4	—	80	—	—			
15 @ 19	5	—	Long Cloth Blue 2d. Sort ..	19	—	342	—	—			
			Pulliacat Handcherchiefs.	5	—	110	—	—			
20	1	—	Do. Do. fine	—	3	10	—	—			
			Stockings	2	—	30	—	—			
			Cambrick	—	3	10	18	—			
21	1 Box.	—	Shoes	2	2	5	—	—			
			BENGAL GOODS VIZT.								
No. 1	1	—	Maulda Cossaes	4	—	180	—	—			
2	1	—	Basind Cossaes .. .. / Burron Cossaes	4	—	150	—	—			
W FNo. 9.	1 Chest.	—	Taffities	8	—	320	—	—			
—	24	—	Bales & Chest amounting to	—	—	—	—	—	1,958	—	—
JMIG	—	—	By CAPTAIN EDMUND MASKELYNE Consign'd to Captns. MORRISSET & GALBET.								
No. 1 @ 4	—	4	Military Cloathing ..	—	—	—	—	—	570	5	4
			By MR. GEORGE STRATTON CONSIGN'D TO Mr. ALEXANDER GRAY.								
N. 1 @ 6	6	—	Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	12	—						
			Long Cloth 1/4 Pieces ..	6	—						
			Moorees blue	6	—						
			Pulliacat Cambays	5	—				768	—	—
			Bugguess Cambays	5	—						
			Coffree Handcherchiefs ..	10	—						
—	—	6									
		64	carriad over amounting to ..						5,948	5	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		64	Brought over amounting to						5948	5	4
I P			By Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart Consign'd to John Pybus Esqr.								
N°. 1 @ 28	28	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 Pieces.	40	—						
			Ditto D°. 1/4 Pieces.	40	—						
			Sallempores blue	30	—						
			Moorees blue	20	—	..		..	3300	—	—
			Bugguess Cambays ..	10	—						
			Beetellas blue	9	18						
			Long Cloth White	4	10						
—	—	28									
I C			By Walsh & Vansittart Consign'd to Thomas Combes Esqr.								
N°. 1 @ 6	6	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Cambays Metchlepatam ..	8	—						
			Syrashes large	5	—						
			Ditto small	20	—						
			Battys	29	—						
			Handcherchiefs Metchlepatam.	12	—	..		..	1000	—	—
			Buggness Cambays ..	12	—						
			Tappies large	20	—						
			Tappies small	31	—						
—	—	6									
P.C.C.			By Walsh & Vansittart Consigned to Messrs. Pybus, Combes and								
1 @ 18 & 20 @ 23.	22	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	48	—						
			D°. 1/4 pieces.	14	—						
			Sallampores blue	10	10						
			Handcherchiefs Metchlepatam.	20	—	..		..	2550	—	—
			Buggness Cambays	10	—						
			Long Cloth Ordinary White.	6	—						
19, 20, 30, 31 & 37.	5	—	Chests Ophium.								
		27	Bales and Chests.								
B I			By Walsh & Vansittart Consigned to Messrs. Braham & Idell.								
1 @ 9.	9	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	12	—						
			Moores blue	3	—						
			Buggness Cumbays ..	10	—						
			Metchlepatam d°. ..	5	—						
			Pulliacat d°. ..	3	—						
			Metchlepatam Handcherchiefs.	4	—	..		..	1250	—	—
			Tappies Small	12	—						
			Long cloth Ordinary white.	3	—						
P.C.C. 41. 44. 46 & 47.	4	—	Chests Ophium.								
		125	Bales carried over amounting to						14048	5	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		125	Brought over amounting to						14048	5	4
		13	Bales & Chests.								
R.P.			By Walsh & Vansittart Consign'd to Mr. Richard Preston.								
1 @ 4	—	4	Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	16	—				400	—	—
E.P.			By Mr. Thos. Pelling Consigned to Captain Edward Pero.								
N°. 1	1	—	Chest Coats 27 for the Train & a Drum.	27	—	41	—	—			
			Rollers D°. ..	27	—	1	—	—			
			Hatts	26	—	10	—	—			
			Stockings fine	—	2	40	—	—			
			Sundry Apparal for Women.			28	—	—			
	—	1	Chest Amounting to ..						120	—	—
H.A.			By Mr. William Burton Consign'd to Hodgee Amot Subadar								
1	1	—	Containing Viz^{t}.								
			Moorees blue	1	—	45	—	—			
			Handcherchiefs red ..	1	—	53	30	—			
			Ginghams	2	—	36	7	—			
			Cambays blue	2	—	56	—	—			
			Cambays red	2	—	68	—	—			
			Taffities	—	18	45	—	—			
			Moorees fine	—	8	20	—	—			
			Hummums	—	5	17	21	—			
			Chints red	—	6	12	25	—			
			Turbits	1	—	21	31	40			
	—	1	Bale amounting to						376	6	40
I B			By Mr. William Burton Consign'd to Mr. John Broff								
1 Bdle		..	Containing Viz$_{t}$.								
			Ruffled Shirts	20	—	34	16	—			
			Plain	20	—	26	2	—			
			Taffitys	—	4	10	10	40			
			Izzarees	—	3	8	—	—			
			Long Cloth	—	1	7	21	—			
			Stockings	1½	—	21	—	—			
			D°. Childrens	½	—	2	10	40			
			Handcherchiefs	3	—	9	31	40			
		1	Bundle amounting to ..						119	19	0
			By Captain Edward Burman for himself and Officers on their Indulgence.								
A	1	—	Moorees blue	6	—	108	—	—			
B	1	—	Pulliacat Cambays ..	6	—	132	—	—			
C	1	—	Blue D°. ..	6	—	60	—	—			
D	1	—	Coffree Handcherchiefs ..	10	—	80	—	—			
F	1	—	Mallay Chints	3	—	72	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	2	—	8	18	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	—	15	—	—			
—	2	—	Sallampores White ..	6	—	96	—	—			
—	145	—	Bales carried over amounting to						15063	31	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		145	Brought over amounting to						15063	31	4
H	1	—	Moorees	—	15	15	—	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	—	12	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	3	—	12	27	—			
			Cambays	3	—	30	—	—			
DD	1	—	Cambays Metchlepatam ..	2	—	30	—	—			
			Ditto Buggness	1	10	22	—	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	10	15	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	1	10	6	—	—			
			White Moorees	—	15	15	—	—			
—	2	—	Sallampores blue	6	—	96	—	—			
EB 2 @ 15.	14	—	Long Cloth blue	50	—	1100	—	—			
16 @ 17.	2	—	Tappies Large	40	—	140	—	—			
18 @ 19.	2	—	Ditto Small	60	—	120	—	—			
E	1	—	Bundle q^{s}. Buggness Cambays.	3	15	45	—	—			
K	1	—	D°. Tappies	13	—	29	9	—			
			Beetillas	1	—	12	—	—			
AN	1	—	D°. Norward Handcherchiefs.	1	10	15	—	—			
			Sallampores ..	1	10	24	—	—			
RW	1	—	D°. Norward Handcherchiefs.	1	10	15	—	—			
			Ginghams	1	5	14	—	—			
WB	1	—	D°. Syrashes	6	—	24	—	—			
			Moorees white ..	—	6	6	—	—			
			Dimity Chints ..	—	2	10	—	—			
			Necessarys			30	—	—			
—	—	34	Bales & Bundles amountingto						2409	18	—
			By Walsh & Van Sittart								
I P	—	—	Consign'd to John Pybus Esq^{r}.								
N°. 1 @ 2	2	—	Hummums	11	—						
3	1	—	Burran Cossaes	9	3						
4	1 chest		Saffatys	9	7				1050	0	0
5	1	—	Patra Carpets	1	14						
6	1	—	Harricall Cossaes	1	18						
7	1	—	Mauldra Cossaes	5	19						
	7	—	Bales and Chest								
	186	—	Bales, Bundles, Chests &c^{a}. amounting to Pagods.						18523	13	4

Jos^{s}. Du Pre'
Secretary.

Fort St. George
21st. October 1754.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro P^{r}. Prince George.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 21 October 1754.
2 Invoice the Prince George's Cargo.
3 Bills of lading for D°.
4 Manifest of private Consignments.

Jos^{s}. Du Pre'
Secretary.

Fort St. George
23 October 1754.

No. 190.

To the Resident for the time being
at Natal.

Sir

We have consigned to John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council of Fort Marlbro' by the Prince George Captain Edward Burman Thirty Garce of Salt in 1800 Bags. & four hundred Barrs of Iron Weighing 200 but as these Articles are chiefly intended for Sale at Natall we have directed Captain Burman to touch there to land such part as you may think Convenient, you will advise the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro what may be so landed, and when Captain Burman has deliver'd the same you will give him Orders to proceed immediately to Fort Marlbro' from whence he is to be returned to Us directly, therefore give him all possible dispatch, You must observe to take an exact Account of whatever Merchandize may be landed at Natal from the Prince George and send the same to your Superiours at Fort Marlbro.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 21 October. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 191.

To Captain Edward Burman or the
Commander for the time being of
Ship Prince George.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Natal on the West Coast of Sumatra where you are as expeditiously as possible to deliver such part of the Salt and Iron on board the Prince George as shall be demanded of you by the Resident there, to whom you will deliver the accompanying packet directed to him. You will then receive Orders from the said Resident to proceed directly to Fort Marlbro' where on your Arrival You will deliver the accompanying Packet directed to the Worshipfull John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 21st. October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 192.

To Mr. William Ormston
Chief Mate of the Ship
Prince George.

Sir

Captain Burman being thro' Illness rendered incapable at present of proceeding the Voyage in the Prince George and as it is dangerous to detain the Ship at this Season, You are hereby required to take on you the Command of the said Ship and follow the Orders herewith delivered to you signed by the President and Council and directed " To Captain Edward Burman of Ship " Prince George or the Commander for the time being." Dated in Fort St. George the 23d. Octr. 1754.

Signed by Order of the President & Council

Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 193.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We dispatch the Companys Sloop Dragon to you where she may remain till the dangerous Season is past and then be employed as occasion may require, you will receive by her two Chests of Medicines (as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Loading enclosed,) The Several Kings Stores mention'd in the accompanying Memorandum are laden on the same Vessell, the proper Officer must give you a receipt for them as our Military Storekeeper gave one to Captain Alwright of the London from which ship they were landed.

We are

Fort St. George
the 24 October 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 194.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of the 18 Instant (a Duplicate whereof is enclosed) we advised your Honour &ca. that we had paid the Mocha Supra Cargo's draft on Us for 2400 ℔ at the rate of 88. 19 for 100 ℔ producing in our Mint Arcot Rupees 54475, as an Opportunity now offers to reimburse ourselves We have this day drawn on your Honour &ca. Council a Sett of Bill of Exchange for the said Sum of ARs. 54475 or (Ex. @ 2 ℔ Ct.) Bombay Rupees 53406–3–44 payable at 8 days sight to Davay Jaigustanbanjee or Order value of Gocaul Terwady, which we request your Honour &ca. will duely honour, we have debted & credited account Current London for the above sum.

Oz. dwts. qr. rs.

Your Honour &ca. in your Letter of the 20 May advise Us that you had directed the Gentlemen at Surat to remit us a Lack of Rupees to be forwarded to Bengal, a few days ago we received from them a Bill for ARs. 1036–2–11 which has been paid and we shall forward the Amount to Bengal in due Season.

We hope in a few days to dispatch the Norfolk to England.

Fort St. George
the 24 October 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 195.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

There being no immediate Occasion for the Porto Bello Sloop at the Negrais where she has hitherto been employed we dispatch her to you and that she may not be detained at this late season we have consign'd to you the Timber &ca. she brought from thence, and are to request your Honour &ca. Council will return that Vessell to Us in January.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 26 October 1754.

No. 196.

To Captain William Grierson of Sloop
Porto Bello.

Sir

You are herey required to repair on board the said sloop and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal and on your arrival there deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council whose Orders are to direct your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 26 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 197.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 5 Octr. by the Dragon and Hartop with the Bales sent Us on the latter which have been landed agreable to the Invoice. Some of the Cloth is very indifferently cured which makes it necessary to remind you to keep a strict Eye over your Washers.

As you represent it so necessary you have our permission to purchase the House mention'd for Pags. 300 be careful that the attentions you make be as convenient as possible for your Sick, and let the work be so well performed, as not to want that frequent repair most of your Buildings require.

We send you by this Conveyance a Serjeant with 7 Men of the Train of Artillery, which are all We can spare at present, and you have enclosed Invoice and Bill of Loading for the Stores now Consign'd to you. The Master of this Vessell must be paid Eight fanams a day for dieting each of the Men.

We depend on your greatest Care that the Merchants keep the Cloth up to the lengths you mention and hope as the Country about you is pretty quiet you will be able to make a Considerable Investment by the Month of January.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 28 October 1754.

No. 198.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In Answer to your Letter of the 21 Instant we must acquaint you that no paricular Employs are annexed to any paricular Stations in the Companys Service but every one should with readiness execute whatever is allotted to him. We are sorry you could not dispose of the Employs in your Council to the Satisfaction of the Members, we have endeavoured to do it for you, and shall be pleased to have every one Content that so, harmony subsisting, the Companys Affairs may be conducted with chearfullness.

Mr. Hugh Norris 2d. in Council, is to be Export & Import Warehse.kr. Accountant & Paymaster.

Robert Sloper 3d. Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore Rental General & Scavenger.

Richard Fairfield 4th. Storekeeper. Military Storekeeper & Secretary.

Charles Turner 5th. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenopatam & Military Paymaster.

Acquaint Mr. Cooke we shall agreable to his request defer the disposal of the torn and damaged Cloth till his Arrival here.

It is time your Book sending ultimo April 1754 were with us and yet we have not reced. those for 1753. We leave you to your own reflections on this neglect.

We shall by an Entry in our Books of this date debt you for the Ballances of the several Estates mentioned in your Account of Quick Stock, and you must therefore under the same date write off all those Accounts to Account Current, Fort St. George, we must remark that in your Cash Account for March last the Estate of John Smith is credited for 88–1–48 and application has been made to Us that the said Sum may be wrote off to Account Current London, on recourse to your Quick Stock we do not find any such head on your Books, but there appears an Account for Joseph Smith, Explain this to Us.

Colonel Bagshaw has represented to Us that the unlimitted Sale of Arrack and Spirituous Liquors at Cuddalore is attended with very pernicious Consequences to his Majestys Troops, and requests that it may be regulated it is most reasonable and necessary it should and you will therefore oblige the Farmers of the Arrack &ca. to adhere strictly to the terms of their Cowle, wherein is particularly specified the Number and Situation of Houses where they are to vend Spirituous Liquors, and you are to license such a Number of Publick houses only, as many be necessary or convenient, a List of the Names of those whom you shall license to keep such houses, must be delivered to the Commander in Chief who will when he sees convenient order proper persons to examine whether the Liquors sold be genuine and upon any Complaint made to you by him of adulterated Liquors found there you are immediately to suppress such houses. Give Publick Notice of this regulation and if afterwards any person whatsoever not licensed be detected in vending Spirituous liquor let them be punished in an exemplary manner to deter others.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affecionate Friends & Servts.

Fort St. George
the 31 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 199.

To Richard Starke Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R.
&c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President and Council I enclose you two Bills of Exchange in your favour amounting to Twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas Viz^t.

One drawn by Linga Chitty on Nauchuma Chitty at 15 days sight for	15000	—	—
One drawn by Nella Chetty Cantakeron Sadasheva Chitty at 8 days sight ...	5000	—	—
Pagodas ...	20000	—	—

Fort S^T. George
the 5 Nov^R. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
Jos^s. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 200.

To M^R. Henry Brooke
Chief of Negrais.

Sir

The Cuddalore Sloop arrived here the 8^th. and the Porto Bello the 18 of Last Month, by them we have received your Letters of the 18^th. August & 2^d. September.

We wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to relieve the Egmont and they acquaint Us in Answer that they had appointed the Denham Captain Meard. to proceed on that Service and should send you a supply of provisions & refreshments.

As we observe you found the Arcot Snow on examining her bottom, sound and have now made her a tight and serviceable Vessell we do not imagine you have any Occasion or can find Employment for both the Cuddalore and Porto Bello Sloops, we have therefore sent the latter to Bengal to be repaired and return'd to Us in January, when if there should be occasion we shall dispatch her to you and not otherwise.

The Gentlemen at Bengal write Us that Timber and Plank may generally turn to good Account there, & desire we will give you directions to procure as large a quantity as possible to be forwarded them on the return of the Denham we suppose they will advise you particularly what kinds will Answer best, and you will comply with their Indents as far as possible.

We refer you to the accompanying Invoice for the particulars of what we now consign you by the Cuddalore, we do not mean the Treasure as a full supply, it will be sufficient we hope to answer your present demands, and we shall send you a further sum by the first good Conveyance that may offer in January, when you should also have a supply of Copper Cash, at present the Scarcity of that Coin prevents our furnishing you with any, but we have complied with your request for fanams and the quantity we send you will we imagine be very sufficient to answer your purposes.

We observe your Accounts are kept in Rupˢ. Quarters and Reis, but are at a Loss to account for the reason, that Method is practiced at Bombay with which you have no connection, but at this place and Bengal, Rupees, Annaes and Pice are the usual denominations.

Mʳ. Knapton deserves Censure for not Complying with our directions when you signified them to him for taking a compleat Survey of the Island, nothing could be more material to Us in forming a Judgment of the place, for the principal settlement, however from what we learn by your descriptions, Mʳ. Taylors Accounts, and the drafts deliver'd us by Captain Grierson and Hammond we do not hesitate to pronounce the place where you now are, very improper for a settlement; the NE or more Northerly point seems to have the most advantagious situation for that purpose of any place upon the Island, and therefore unless any new and unforeseen difficultys should arise, we would have you remove to that spot, but if any obstacle should present that may seem material to you, in that case we leave it you to remove to any other part of the Island you may think best, in our Judgement the NW point is the properest if it cannot be effected at the NE but tho' this latter may want some advantages which are to be found at the former the goodness and safety of the Harbour at the NE by far outweighs them all. As our Opinions in this respect are but Speculative and your Observations do not amount to a sufficient degree of certainty, we would avoid putting our Honble Masters to any greater Expence than the Nature of the case may absolutely require and therefore wherever you may remove to, no other Fortifications or Buildings are to be erected than such as may be immediately necessary for your present defence against an Enemy, and to put yourselves under commodious shelter from the Inclemency of the Weather, untill time and experience have shown the Advantages and Inconveniencys of the spot you may chuse, make it your study to find out these and describe them to Us very particularly.

Coja Nicoos sailed from this place the latter end of July, we wrote you by him the 25ᵗʰ. of that Month and enclosed a Copy of the Articles which he gave Us reason to hope the King would accede to, another Copy of them accompanys this, it has since occurred to Us that the Court of Pegue jealous of the power of foreigners may insist on the exercise of their Laws at Persaim, should that point be started wave it if possible it will be a much properer time for us to discuss it when we are in actual Possession.

Notwithstanding the Advantages gained by the Burmurs and the tottering Condition of the Pegue Government we would have you embrace any favourable Opportunity that may present of concluding the abovementioned Articles with the latter but at the same time let your Friendship to them appear more from professions than Acts, that no Cause of Umbrage may be given the Burmurs, for in case of a revolution our attachments to their Enemies would not fail to be set up against Us, let the advantages turn on which side they may it must be your policy not to interfere directly or indirectly in the quarrell for as we have not a force sufficient to turn the Ballance on either side we should only shew our weakness by intermeddling, and create Enemys where perhaps we might have found friends.

We approve of your Ordering Mʳ. Henry Stringfellow to take charge of the Flag & Companys Effects at Syrian; as it is of no other Consequence than merely supportg. our right to the Factory there, he is not to have any Allowance or gratuity, the Title of Resident has been thought sufficient and perhaps may bring some advantages with it equal to the trouble, we have in our former Advices acquainted you & repeat that during the unsettled state of the Government no Money is to be laid out in repairs or Buildings either at Syrian or Persaim except such trifles as may be necessary for immediate shelter.

It is proper somebody should be at Persaim, if Captain Baker answers the purpose you may continue him or appoint such person as may best suit with the Circumstances of your Affairs.

We are very sensible an assistant is necessary at the Nagrais and we should have sent you one before, but that we have not a sufficient Number of Covenanted Servants to transact our own Affairs, since the receipt of your Advices we have endeavoured to procure a Monthly Writer but hitherto without Effect, if we can prevail on any to accept that service you shall have one in January.

We have appointed Mr. John Dyer an Ensign on the Negrais Establishment and he takes his passage on the Cuddalore with six Military, One Serjeant of Artillery and five men of the Train which is all we can spare, Lieut. Bilhock has our permission to return to the Coast if his health requires it, and in that Case Lieut. North will have the Command. We have no Artillery Officer to send you in the room of Mr. Knapton.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 6TH. NOVR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Since closing the foregoing Letter we have entertained Mr. Patrick Leslie as a Surgeon for the Negrais he proceeds on the Cuddalore, and has received an advance of thirty Pagodas for two Months Pay.

If it is convenient the Cuddalore may be dispatched to Us with Advices in January.

No. 201.

TO CAPTAIN NATHANIEL HAMMOND
OF SLOOP CUDDALORE.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board the said Sloop and make the best of your way to the Island Negrais, where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to Mr. Henry Brooke the Chief there and follow his Orders for your further proceedings. DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE the 7th. NOVEMBER 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 202.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

It is represented to Us that three hundred draft and one hundred and thirty Carriage Bullock will be wanted to enable his Majestys Troops to take the field, you are therefore to use all the means in your power to have that Number in readiness as soon as possible, either by purchasing, hiring or contracting with proper persons at a certain rate ℔ day, and advise Us from time to time what progress you make in this business. We have appointed Mr. James Bourchier to act as Commissary for the Kings Forces when they take the Field, he will proceed to you by the first Opportunity and is to have the Bullocks under his Charge, you will therefore deliver them over to him from time to time as they are procured and he has our directions to have them trained.

Acquaint Captains Cosby and Beaver they have our permission to come up hither.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 7th. Novemr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 203.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr. President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatch'd the Porto Bello Sloop to you the 26 October and requested that she might be return'd to Us in January, we have since reflected it may take up a considerable time to give that vessell the repair she stands in need of, which, unless the greatest diligence be used, may probably occasion her longer detention, and as we are apprehensive the critical situation of our Affairs may make it necessary to send our Honble Masters early Advices it would be very convenient to have the Porto Bello Sloop in readiness especially as we cannot say with any certainty how late it may be before we may be able to compleat the

Tonnage of the Ship We expect to fill up from you, we are therefore to request your Honour &c^{a}. will be pleased to order the Porto Bello Sloop to be refitted with the utmost dispatch and return'd us as early as possible.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 22^{D}. NOV^{R}. 1754

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

N^{o}. 204.

TO M^{R}. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

By the Hartop Snow we wrote you the 26 October and have since reced. your Letter of the 7 of that Month, the enclosed Duplicate will inform you of our directions by the Hartop to which we have only to add that we would have all your Bales dispatch'd to Us as early as possible that we may not be under a necessity of detaining the Ship to be dispatch'd from hence to Europe longer than the beginning of February.

You will forward the accompanying packet for the President & Council of Bengal in the most expeditous manner.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 22^{D}. NOV^{R}. 1754.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

N^{o}. 205.

TO FOSS WESTCOTT ESQ^{R}.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

Your Letters of the 10th. 26th. & 29th. September and 12th. October are received, the George with your Bales arrived here the 10th. October. The difficulty in landing Goods at that Season of the Year cannot have escaped the Observation of any one, it can be done only in the Intervals of fair Weather which are not very frequent, and even then the surf is not always passable; under such Circumstances every means should be used in the Stowage of the Ship, that no Impediments might arrise on that Account, but there had been so little regard paid to this in the loading your Vessell that it was full three weeks before the Bales could be got ashore; we were in hopes our Observations

on your Cloth last Year, and the strict directions sent you this Season, would have had a better Effect, but so far has it been from producing any Amendment, that had we not been distressed for Bales to make up the Norfolks Tonnage, the greatest part of your Cloth must have been rejected; 'tis in vain to plead the troubles in the Country, the Effects of them have been felt at Vizagapatam as well as round you, and yet the Cloth from thence far surpasses yours, and so does that from Bandarmalanka tho' not so considerably; we forbear any further reflections on this subject, because what we have already said is sufficient to suggest to you what our Honble Masters Interest demands, if a very considerable Amendment should not appear.

Let all your Bales be sent up as early as possible that our Europe dispatch may not exceed the beginning of February.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 22D. NOVR. 1754.

No. 206.

To MR. JOHN ANDREWS
AT BANDARMALANKA.

SIR

We have received your Letters of the 3d. Sepr. and another in October, with the former came your Bales by the George Sloop the quantity was so small that we were in hopes to find a recompence in the quantity but the best we can say of your Cloth is, that you are obliged to our necessity for Bales, or a great part must have been rejected, we are always ready to make reasonable Allowances for the Circumstances of the times, the troubles in the Country may have effected your Investment but the Country round Vizagapatam suffered more, and yet the Cloth from thence is much better than yours; we expect a very considerable amendment in January, without which our Honble Masters will be losers by your Investment. Let all your Bales be sent up as early as possible, that our dispatches for Europe may be compleated by the beginning of February.

We are glad you have obtained from Raugarauze a Cowle for Bandarmalanka, we accept of it at the yearly Rent you mention of 1550 Pagodas, and if you have not yet obtained a Confirmation of it from Vizeramrauze continue to sollicit it.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 22D. NOVR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
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ROBERT ORME.
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WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 207.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President & Council this encloses remittances in your favour for fifty thousand Pags. in three Bills Vizt.

One drawn by Nella Cantaker upon Sudashy Chitty at 12 days sight for ...	20000	—	—
One drawn by Linga Chitty upon Nauchuma Chitty at 12 days sight for ...	15000	—	—
One drawn by Do. on Do. @ 15 days sight for	15000	—	—
Pagodas ...	50000	—	—

Fort St. George
the 27th. Novr. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Joss. Du Pre
Secry.

No. 208.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In Answer to what you write Us in your Letter of the 9th. Instant regarding your Investment we can only repeat the directions we have already given you, for if at this season you were absolutely to reject all the Cloth of an inferiour Sortment it might only serve as a pretence to the Merchants to plead the impossibility of getting better, therefore we think it much more adviseable to receive whatever they bring and after sorting it strictly keep in the Godown all that you turn out, and that the Merchants may not persist in bringing in such Cloth under the vain hopes that our necessity will oblige us to admit it at last, assure them from us that should it be convenient for Us to take in they may depend on it we shall make such an abatement as the quality of the Cloth demands.

It is very extraordinary that you should tell Us in the month of November Your Books ending April 1754 shall be compleated as soon as possible, if the Gentleman who had the Accountants Employ neglected it, he is not alone culpable, it is the duty of your board to see that the business of every branch is duely and properly executed, we insist on your sending Us the Books 1754 as soon as you have our directions or your profit and Loss Account, as to those for 1753 which you say are performed in so slovenly & incorrect a manner, acquaint Us by whom they were done, that proper Notice may be taken of him.

We shall acquaint you in our next of our sentiments on your Accounts of profit and Loss.

Our Secretary by our directions forwarded to you Bills last night for fifty thousand Pagodas and we shall shortly make you a further remittance.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. NOVR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
RORERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 209.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Accounts of Profit and Loss which you sent Us for our Approbation have been examined, there are a few Articles which require some explanation before we can consent to their being wrote off, as they appear large, The deficiency on Salt Petre is no less than Bengal Maunds 157–18 lb we should be informed by what accidents this was occasioned and on what quantity, in like manner you should have explained the cause of so considerable a Loss on Redwood as 44 Candys and upwards, acquaint Us also on what quantity of Rice the Company have sustained so large a loss as three Garce and how long that Grain has been in the Godowns. All the other Articles of your profit and Loss Account may be wrote off and we shall expect your immediate Answer to this Letter that you may have our directions & close your books out of hand.

We have put Lieut. Langford upon half pay which you are to observe and signify to him.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. DECR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGERS LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
RORERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 210.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 10th. and 15 Ultimo with the Books ending April 1753 on which we can make no Observations untill they have undergone a proper examination. In regard to the damages sustain'd by the late Rains and severe weather, you may prepare & send Us Estimates of the Charge that will attend the necessary Repairs that you may have our directions thereon, in the mean time you may set about repairing such of the building as are most in want of it.

We are
Sir
Your most Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decemr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Rorert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 211.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

This accompanys a Duplicate of our last with a Packet for the President and Council of Fort William which we commit to your care to be dispatched. Your Letter of the 3d. Ultimo with the monthly papers are received, we have nothing at present to add to the directions already given you regarding your Investment the success of which being so very essential to our Hon'ble Masters Interest will we are persuaded excite all your attention.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decembr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 212.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
President at Ingeram.

Sir

This is to accompany a Duplicate of our last and to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th. Ultimo.

We are

Fort St. George
the 6th December 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 213.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you the 22d. Ultimo by Pattamar, and now forward a Duplicate since the date of which we have received Advices from Tellicherry that the Hardwick and Warwick from England imported at Bombay the 28th. September and that the Prince Edward was also arrived there from Batavia, they acquaint Us likewise that they should have in Warehouse by the end of November two thousand Candies of Pepper of the old Crop and from the appearance of the new they make no doubt of being able to procure full five thousand Candies more.

We are

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decemr. 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 214.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

I am Ordered by the President & Council to acquaint you that your Letter of the 8th. Instant is received and that Mr. Cooke may be permitted to proceed to this Presidency whenever he thinks proper.

Fort St. George
the 12th. Decemr. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
Jos.s. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 215.

To the Hon'ble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your two Letters of the 16th. September & 9th. October, the last was forwarded from Tellicherry and did not arrive till the 9th. Instant.

The Information you have sent Us in relation to Coja Shaumir Sultan has enabled Us to state that Affair fully to our Honble Masters.

As your Honour &ca. acquaint Us you apprehend some difficulty will attend the disposal of the Woollen Goods you expect this season from Europe, We shall not send round to you any part of what we have on hand tho' it is likely to remain in our Warehouse a long time, it is with Concern we observe that the three Presidencys are now so overstocked with this Article that with the quantity which must be sent out annually there is reason to fear this branch of Trade will suffer from it greatly for some years to come.

We intended to have dispatched the Norfolk to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, but the Situation our Affairs with respect to the French being at such a Crisis as made it necessary to send the Company some particular Advices which we have been in daily hopes to do, we have detained that Ship in our Road till now but expect to dispatch her shortly.

As much may depend on our Military Strength, in case the state of your Forces will admit of sending Us a further supply of Men, we shall be obliged to your Honour &ca. for as many Europeans as you can spare, particularly of the Train, but no Topasses or Seapoys.

We omitted to acquaint you in our last that being in want of Officers we had detained Capt. Lee of your Establishment, who is now at Camp.

Fort St. George
the 14th. Decemr. 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca.
Council.

No. 216.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at
Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 29 June, 23 October and 3 November, the first did not arrive with Us till the 13th. October when we immediately forwarded the packet which accompanyed it to the President and Council of Bombay.

We are obliged to you for the advices regards. the Pepper you have on hand and expect from the approaching Crop, which we have also communicated to the Gentlemen at Bengal.

Our Intentions were to have dispatch'd the Norfolk to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, but the situation of our Affairs with the French rendring her detention necessary for sometime longer that we might give our Hon'ble Masters some particular Advices we have kept her here till now but hope shortly to dispatch her.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 14th. Decemr. 1754. — Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 217.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

In order properly to revise the Books you sent Us up ending 30 April 1753 it is necessary we should have all the Accounts relating to the settlement of Devecotah from its first Establishment to that time you will therefore send Us up directly all such as are in your possession.

As there is no further Employment for Mr. Dawson with you he may return hither.

We are

Fort St. George — Sir

the 20th. Decemr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders &ca.
Council.

No. 218.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have perused Mr. Cookes Letter to you accounting for the cause of the several deficiencys of Rice Salt Petre and Redwood and they appear so far reasonable that they may be wrote off to Profit and Loss but we must observe that there has been a neglect in not taking an exact Account remains when Mr. Cooke entered on the charge of the Export Warehouse, and he was also to blame for not representing to you that the Redwood by being exposed on the open beach was liable to the losses he has now mention'd, you will see that Inconvenience remedied & observe in future that a regular Account remains be taken & delivered over with every Employ as we have heretofore directed.

The difference between the value of the Household Necessarys comprised in the List you sent Us some time ago and the value standing on your Books must be wrote off to profit and Loss.

Mr. Godehou has been wrote to in regard to the Stoppage of the Salem Cloth.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 20th. Decr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 219.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have found it expedient to make such an Addition to the pay and Allowances of his Majestys Officers and Troops as may put them upon the same footing with those of the Company the monthly charge of which may amount to about fourteen hundred Pagodas, you will therefore pay that Sum every month to Colonel Adlercron or Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw, and if by deaths or otherwise it should be more than sufficient for that purpose the Overplus is to be accounted for.

Colonel Adlercron has complain'd to the President that Mr. Richard Fairfield had behaved in a very unbecoming manner before him and several other of his Majestys Officers by slighting their Service in terms which common prudence ought to have restrain'd, Mr. Fairfield is so much the more culpable as the publick service might have suffered from such insinuations, we cannot pass

over his Conduct without Censure, and the least Notice we can take of it is to insist that he wait on Colonel Adlercron & make him a proper acknowledgement for his Indiscretion, and you will acquaint Us when he has done so.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. DECR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 220.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

By Order of the President & Council I enclose you an Invoice of two Lacks of Rupees and twenty five thousand Pagodas laden on board his Majestys Ship Tyger & Consign'd to you for which you will be pleased to credit this Presidency.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. DECEMR. 1754.

JOSS. DU PRE'
Secry.

No. 221.

TO MR. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

In answer to your Paragraph relating to the New Nabob said to be appointed by Mr. De Bussy, we must inform you that according to the best Accounts we have been able to collect, Mr. De Bussy himself is no more than a Renter of the Rajahmundrum and Chikacull Countrys, and consequently can have no right to appoint a Nabob, you acted very right in avoiding any expressions in your Letter to Ibrahim Gordee that might be construed an Acknowledgement of his assumed Character, and you must proceed on the same plan, observing that a cautious behaviour is to be perferred to an absolute refusal of acknowl-

edging his Title or making him a Present, but if by insisting on them he should lay you under a necessity of declaring Openly, you are then to signify that you have not our permission to comply with his demand.

A Duplicate of our last accompanys this.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

THE 29TH. DECEMR. 1754.

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CHARLES SMITH.

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